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DON'T MOLEST PARK COMMISSION

SOME OF MICHIGAN'S BEST MEN
SERVING WITHOUT
PAY.

Some Would Transfer Duties to Already Over Loaded Public Domain Commission.

A notion has come into the minds of some people about the State that Michigan Park commission ought to be dissolved and the duties now performed by that body be transferred to the Public Domain commission.

Possibly upon superficial consideration the idea might seem advisable, expecting that it might cut down expenses, and if one does not concern himself over the already heavy load now being carried by the Public Domain commission. The latter is already over loaded with duties for it seems that for several years past that whenever the State legislature had something extra to do it loaded the job onto the Public Domain commission. The fish and game department has been added to this department, and that is no small matter.

The cost of maintenance of the Park commission is not burdened by salaried officers, as is the Public Domain commission. The officers of the Park commission are public spirited men serving without pay or fees whatsoever. They are giving high quality of service without cost to the taxpayer. Why not keep them on the job just as long as they will accept the duties demanded of them?

Much preliminary work had to be done by the Park commission before results became apparent and real. Sites had to be obtained and prepared. Most of the land to be used was donated to the State for park purposes and is of several hundred dollars value. Up to the present time public parks have been established

at or near the following places: Cadillac, Paw Paw, East Tawas, D. H. Day, Harrisville, Black Lake, Traverse City, Boyne City, Grayling, Interlochen, Muskegon, Grand Haven, Cheboygan, Gladwin, Mt. Clemens, Lyon Lake, Marcellus, Summerville, Wayland, Burt Lake, St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, Michigamme and Vicksburg.

ROBERT PAFENFUS IS DEAD.

Was Well Known Lovells Citizen. Held Many Public Offices.

Robert Pafenfus passed away at his home in Lovells township November 27, having been in poor health for some time. He was a well known farmer in that township and also served publicly in several offices in this municipality. For the past year or more he has been caretaker of the AuSable Trout and Game club, commonly known as the club at Dam four.

Robert Charles Henry Pafenfus was born in Germany June 7, 1877 and died Saturday, Nov. 27, 1920 at the age of 43 years, 5 months and 20 days. When 12 years of age he came with his parents to this country and settled at Fostoria, Ohio. On Dec. 21, 1899 he was married to Lola Emma Hanna and to this union was born five children—three sons, Charles, Roy and Robert and two daughters, Helen and one dying in infancy. He moved with his family to Lovells, Mich., on Dec. 21, 1908, where he has since resided. He was well known in the county having served as justice of the peace eight years also a member of the school board and road commission; was elected road commissioner last spring but had to resign on account of poor health. Besides the family he leaves three sisters to mourn his death—Mrs. Geo. Hanna of Lovells; Mrs. Minnie Duke of Muncie, Ind., and Mrs. John Balbrich of Tiffin, Ohio. The funeral was held Friday, services being conducted by Rev. Terhune of Frederic.

25% off on all wool dress materials at the Emil Kraus Dry goods store.

A PROCLAMATION.

To the people of Michigan:

War conditions still prevail in the near East where the new Armenian Republic is striving desperately to end the chaos of the past six years.

The congress of the United States has granted a charter to Near East Relief to rescue thru the medium of American philanthropy the thousands who are suffering in those ancient Bible lands.

Authoritative reports advise of the activities of the Turk Nationalist forces, and show that thousands of the women and children of Armenia are fleeing as refugees before the Turkish hordes. Extraordinary measures must be taken if they are to be spared the horrors of exposure and starvation.

Their government is unable to provide for them. They cannot negotiate loans. They are entirely dependent upon American philanthropy.

Near East relief is the agency equipped to handle this unusual situation and has established an enviable record of unselfish devotion to these sufferers, which mingled with efficiency has resulted in the salvaging of one hundred and ten thousand little children.

Two hundred and twenty-nine orphanages have been established and thirty-three hospitals are in constant operation. Thousands are self-supporting again and are employed in twenty-three industrial establishments making clothing and supplies that are sold for the benefit of those not yet cared for.

This work has all been done with money subscribed by the people of Michigan and the other states of our Union. It must go on.

Withdrawal of our aid at this time would soon plunge those who still survive back into the condition of starvation from which they were rescued so recently, and means the death of those now living again as refugees.

That this great work of humanity may go on until the victory is won, I officially commend this appeal to the heart of Michigan, confident that it will respond as it has in the past to the cries of those in distress, and do its full share towards their relief.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this second day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty.

ALBERT E. SLEEPER,
Governor of Michigan.

VICTORY MEDALS. A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

I am advised that a considerable number of the men entitled to Victory medals have not made application for them, and I have been requested to urge all county, city and township authorities of the State, to do everything in their power to bring this matter to the attention of the men concerned.

Applications from Western Michigan should be sent to the Army Recruiting office at 211 Monroe Avenue, Grand Rapids, and those from Eastern Michigan should go to the corresponding office at 215 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

Therefore, I, Albert E. Sleeper, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby request the officials named above to do what they can to stimulate the placing of applications for Victory Medals.

Given under my hand at the Capitol in Lansing, this thirtieth day of November, 1920.

Albert E. Sleeper, Governor.

WILL COLLECT TAXES.

Treasurer Geo. W. McCullough states that he will be at the office of the Register of Deeds at the court house for the collection of taxes for the Township of Grayling beginning Monday, December 13, from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. daily. He will collect dog taxes as well as other taxes.

12-9-20

GRAYLING OPERA HOUSE.

Program for Week

Advance program beginning Thursday, Dec. 9th, 1920.

THURSDAY EVE.

Dollars and Sense—Goldwyn Pictures.

FRIDAY EVE.

Fair and Warmer—May Allison. Fox News.

SATURDAY EVE.

Turning the Tables—Dorothy Gish. (Comedy) His last false Step.

SUNDAY EVE.

Hayfoot Strawfoot—Charles Ray

MONDAY EVE.

Twelve Ten. Pathe News.

TUESDAY EVE.

White Lies—Gladys Brockwell. (Comedy) Jazz Bandits.

WEDNESDAY EVE.

THE LOST CITY—Chapter No. 1. (Comedy) Bargain Day.

"Movie Chat."

"Babe Ruth" in Over the Fence.

CHURCH CELEBRATES THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

Event Marked by Delightful Banquet and Lecture by Dr. Rice.

Sunday, December 5, 1918 the Michelson Memorial church was dedicated and on December 8th following, the Ladies' Aid of that church gave a banquet. Since that time the aid have given an anniversary banquet each year. These banquets have marked a red letter day in the history of the church and each year the best efforts of the ladies of the aid have been used to make the affair as fine as possible.

The anniversary banquet given by this organization last Friday evening was no exception. It was one of the finest banquets ever given in Grayling. The dining room of the church was simply but effectively trimmed with small Christmas trees around the rooms, while the tables were artistically decorated in the centers with crystal baskets, filled with red and white flowers, while at either ends were glass candle sticks, holding bright red candles which sent out their bright gleams across the table. A finely appointed four-course dinner was served. Nearly every seat in the room was filled and everyone present seemed satisfied and happy. During the banquet musical selections were rendered by Mr. Brownell on the piano, also on the violin by Miss Kathryn Clark accompanied by Miss Abbott.

Problematic America. The big feature of the Anniversary celebration of Michelson Memorial church last week Friday night to many was the lecture of Dr. M. S. Rice of Detroit. His subject was "Problematic America."

Dr. Rice told of some of the big problems that are confronting the world today. He compared conditions that now exist in Europe with those of America, and gave a remarkable discourse on the financial, industrial, social and labor conditions of our and other countries. He spoke rapidly for two solid hours and held the closest attention of every person in the room, and the auditors were reluctant to have him stop. Dr. Rice is a remarkable scholar and lecturer. His wonderful mind together with his opportunity of travel and study and the eloquence of his speech have made him one of the foremost lecturers of America today.

Those who heard him were thrilled and inspired and went away with many thoughts worthy of deep reflection. The attendance at the lecture was fair but proverbial with Grayling, it was only about half the crowd that should have been there. Rev. Doty has promised to get Dr. Rice to come again and if he does so we are sure that Grayling will give him a record-breaking audience.

SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS ELECTS OFFICERS AND APPOINTS COMMITTEES.

The Grayling Society of Musicians met at the School auditorium last Sunday afternoon and the meeting was confined to the election of officers and committees entirely.

Mr. Brownell was elected president; Mrs. C. E. Doty, vice president and Mr. H. L. Fitch, secretary and treasurer.

It was decided to leave the appointment of the committees to the president. They are as follows:

Executive Committee.

Prof. B. E. Smith.
Mrs. J. J. Love.
Mrs. Abraham Joseph.
Mrs. H. J. Gothro.
Mr. H. G. Jarmin.
Mr. E. M. Klein.
Mr. Jno. Rosenstand.
Miss Margaret Jensen.

Membership Committee.

Mr. Jas. McNevin.
Mr. Philip Zalsman.

Program Committee.

Mr. Fred Alexander.
Mrs. Geo. Olson.
Mrs. Andrew Brown.
Mrs. T. P. Peterson.

Advertising Committee.

Miss Margaret Jensen.
Miss Agusta Kraus.
Miss Marguerite Hoyt.

Music Committee.

Mr. Fred Alexander.
Mrs. B. E. Smith.
Mr. Clay Hodgson.
Mrs. C. E. Doty.
Mrs. W. E. Smith.
Mr. Brownell.
Mrs. Earl Kidd.
Miss Marguerite Hoyt.
Miss Merle Rodgers.

Librarians.

Miss Elsie Sparks.
Mrs. J. J. Love.

Pianists.

Mrs. W. E. Smith.
Mrs. C. E. Doty.
Mrs. B. E. Smith.
Mrs. Earl Kidd.
Miss Hazel Abbott.

Violinists.

Mr. Edw. Clark.
Mr. Frank Anstett.
Miss Kathryn Clark.

Organists.

Mrs. W. E. Smith.
Mr. Brownell.

Musical Supervisors and Conductors.

Mrs. W. E. Smith.
Mr. Brownell.

It was also decided to organize the sight singing-school and Mr. Brownell appointed Tuesday afternoon as the time for testing out the voices for those desiring to take up this branch of the club work.

Members are again reminded of the importance of being punctual at the regular meetings as it is the wish of the management to close the meetings at promptly five o'clock sharp.

Regular meetings held at the School auditorium at four p. m., Sundays.

MASONS BANQUET ON VENISON

LARGE CROWD ENJOY FEAST AND WITNESS 3RD DEGREE INITIATION.

Rosecommon Visitors Honored by Grayling Members.

It was a big night, Thursday of last week, for the Masonic fraternity when about 125 members responded to a call to attend third degree initiatory ceremonies and also to partake in a feast of venison and other good things.

Lodge was opened at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon and started the initiation of E. Clark, Scott Wiley, Lorraine Sparkes and Esbern Olson into the mysteries of the third degree. At 6:00 o'clock the lodge took a recess and repaired to the dining room

of the Michelson Memorial church, where a fine banquet was awaiting them.

Venison was the chief attraction on the bill of fare. This had been generously contributed by Joseph Burton, Claud Gilson and Louis Herison, all well-known local nimrods. The rest of the menu consisted of mashed potatoes, cabbage salad, baked beans, pickles, olives, pumpkin pie, and coffee.

The tables looked pretty with snow white linen and floral decorations, and when the guests were seated they made as fine appearing body of men as it might be hoped to assemble in this community. The dinner was served by some of the ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter, whose presence added dignity and charm to the occasion.

Master Efner Matsen being in quarantine because of smallpox in his home, was unable to be present. Serving in his place M. A. Bates acted as toastmaster and a number of short impromptu talks were given each speaker being introduced with a "pat" story to fit the occasion. Will

Curnalia of Rosecommon lodge is a frequent visitor at Grayling lodge and usually is requested to assist in the initiatory work by giving the lectures, which he does in a most superior manner. In appreciation of this service, he was presented at this time on behalf of the Grayling members with a handsome gold ring bearing the Masonic emblem. He modestly expressed his appreciation in a few words but said he was unable to make a speech.

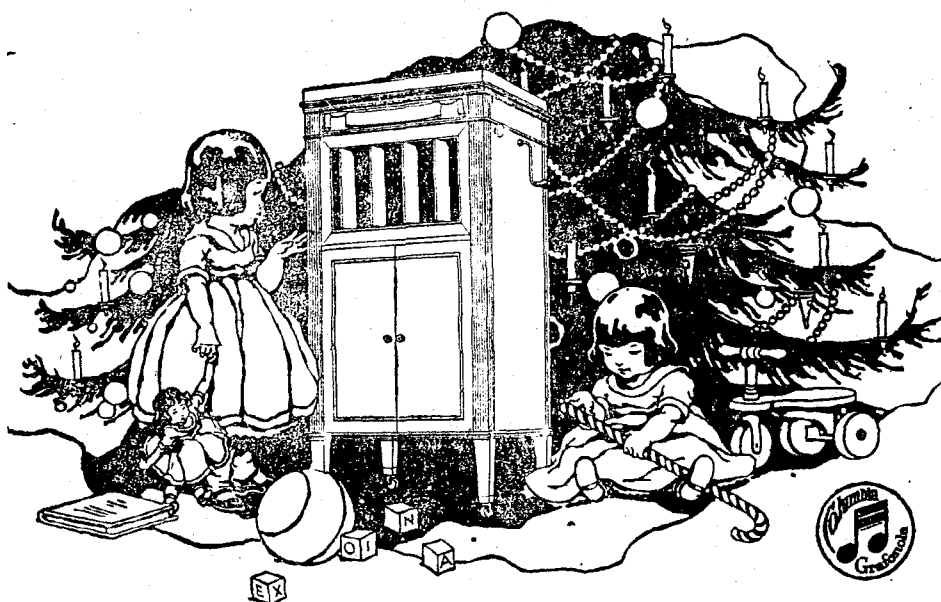
There were quite a number of visitors present from Rosecommon, Fredrick, Gaylord, Alba, Bay City and other places. The lodge room was filled to limit capacity and was an evening that will long be remembered by those in attendance.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks to the friends of our community for their kindness during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father; also the floral offerings and Rev. Terhune for his words of comfort.

Mrs. Lola Pafenfus, and Children.

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Leave it to the little folks to tell you why. Their smiles and laughter as well as sheer delight in hearing their own Columbia Grafonola on Christmas Morning, will surely convince you that here, indeed, is a most wonderful gift. Every member of the family is going to enjoy this beautiful instrument. Scientifically designed, finely finished, and of splendid tonal qualities, the Columbia Grafonola is the gift of gifts.

Come in and see it for yourself. In ten minutes we can demonstrate its superiority. In still less time we can play it for you and show you the Non Set Automatic Stop. Nothing to move or set or measure. No other phonograph has it—no other phonograph can get it. Never stops before it should. Always stops at the very end. Of course to please the kiddies, you want—well, here's your opportunity.

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Touring Car, with starter	\$510.00	Sedan	795.00
Runabout	465.00	Tractor	790.00
Coupe	745.00		

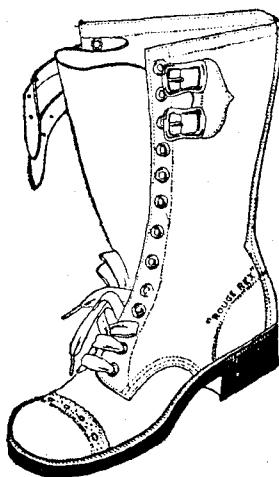
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SHOE SALE

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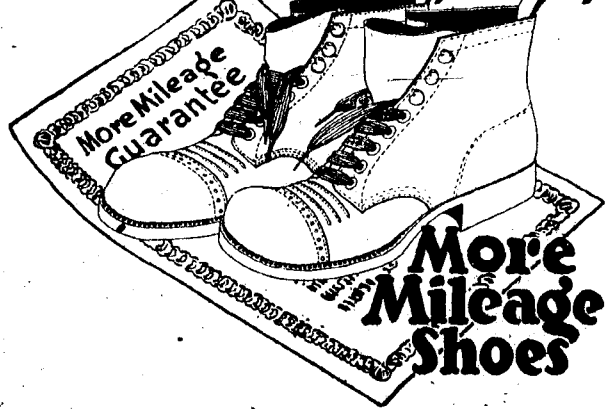
Shoes and Rubbers.

Act quick while the assortment is complete.

The sale includes the wonderful Howard Shoe for boys in the Brown Goodyear welt with the Celoid Chrono sole, which is waterproof and the wingfoot rubber heel.

The best Shoes for Boys ever made.

You buy Shoes less often when you buy



E. J. OLSON.

DRUGGISTS TAKE A TONIC THEMSELVES

Mr. Harrison Said Hypo-Cod Made Him Feel Like a New Man Quickly.

COULDN'T SLEEP GOOD

When a man in a drug store picks out a tonic to take himself—one may guess it is the best in the bunch. What Mr. H. W. Harrison of Rochester, Mich., formerly at the Cunningham Drug Store, 155 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich., says below proves Earle's Hypo-Cod is the choice of those who keep up with the latest and best things in medicine. He said:

"I hadn't felt like myself in months. Felt dopey, drabby, sort of worn out and mornings never felt like eating breakfast. Wouldn't sleep sound nights either and wake up after day feeling as tired as when I went to bed. Had a bad cough, too. One of those deep kind and if I'd take a deep breath my chest would hurt. I conferred with several in the drug store and it seemed to be everybody's opinion that Earle's Hypo-Cod had everything else beat—so I took some—and right here let me say it does what they claim. I'm feeling like a new man. I took two bottles and all those pains in my chest have gone and the cough disappeared like magic. It made me gain five pounds. My appetite picked up. My sleep became better and I now recommend this tonic to anyone who is in a general rundown condition," declared Mr. H. W. Harrison, 537 Harrison Ave., Rochester, Mich.

Can you imagine a more glorious feeling than to jump out of bed in the morning, after a good night's rest, and having a real appetite for breakfast? You feel like doing a real day's work, but there are thousands that do not do this and fall to take a good tonic.

When a man feels like Mr. Harrison did they should at once go down to the drug store and get a bottle of the genuine Earle's Hypo-Cod with the name of the nationally known Earle Chemical Co. on bottle. Read the formula on it that druggists, chemists and experts assert is so good. It is very pleasant to taste.—Adv.

True.

"Why don't you try to become wiser?"

"What's the use? A man always seems to become sadder as he gets wiser."

DYE RIGHT

Buy only "Diamond Dyes"



Each package of "Diamond Dyes" contains directions so simple that any woman can diamond-dye worn, shabby skirts, waists, dresses, coats, gloves, stockings, sweaters, draperies everything, whether wool, silk, linen, cotton or mixed goods, new, rich fadeless colors. Have druggist show you "Diamond Dyes Color Card."—Adv.

Zero in Fascination.

Personally we don't know any kind of merchandise that looks less fascinating than a hair switch in a show window.—Dallas News.

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BALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—cure Catarrh of the Bladder. We do not claim to cure any other disease. BALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is a liquid, taken internally, and acts through the blood upon the mucous surfaces of the system, thus removing the inflammation and restoring normal conditions. All Druggists. Circulars free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

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Qualified.

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What's in a man's head does him a world of good if he puts it into his go-ahead.

Sure Relief



KEMP'S BALSAM
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Drugs that mothers only knew. Children are complaining of headaches, feverishness, stomach troubles and irregular bowels. Mothers only know that Mother's Own Sweet Powders would do for their children no family would ever be without them. These powders are so easy and pleasant to take and so effective in their action that mothers who once use them will tell other mothers about them. Sold by druggists everywhere.

WEBSTER—MAN'S MAN

by Peter B. Kyne

Author of "Cappy Ricks," "The Valley of the Giants," Etc.

DON RICARDO RUEY.

John Stuart Webster, mining engineer, boards a train in Death Valley, California, on his way back to civilization after cleaning up \$100,000. He looks like a hobo. Then he rescues a distressed lady, who makes his heart flop over. He eliminates the offending man. She is Dolores Ruy. In Denver he is offered a \$25,000-a-year job by a capitalist friend, Edward J. Jerome. He receives a delayed letter from his own particular pal, Billy Geary, asking him to finance a gold-mining proposition in Central America and so fifty-fifty with him on the profits. So he starts for Sobrante. Jerome goes with John to the depot. They meet the distressed lady on her way to the same train. John tells Jerome the whole story. Jerome secretly sees the girl, offering her \$1000 if she induces John to take his job inside of ninety days. The girl accepts. The scene now shifts to Buenaventura, Sobrante, where Geary has existed for two months on credit extended by Mother Jenks, keeper of a hotel and diamonds. Dolores cables Henrietta Wilkins (Mother Jenks) that she is on her way to visit her. Mother Jenks has been educating Dolores, who is the daughter of former President Ruy of Sobrante, deposed and executed by President Sarros. Mother Jenks doesn't want Dolores to find out she is no longer respectable. So Billy meets the steamer and tries to turn the girl back. But Dolores lands and salutes Mother Jenks as "Mother." Billy promptly falls in love with Dolores. Webster in New Orleans secures a stateroom on La Estrella by buying a ticket for a mythical cable. "Andrew Bowers." In New Orleans Webster saves a young man from assassination. On the steamer he finds the girl who is in his stateroom. He accepts "Bowers" on trust, without learning his identity. At Buenaventura he assists the "captain" to land. He finds Billy in love with Dolores and like the good scout he is bids farewell to his romance. Dolores astonishes him. Don Juan Cafetero tells him of a plot to kill him. He leaves on business and Webster falls more deeply in love.

CHAPTER X—Continued.

Once free of the door, Webster walked just inside the lobby for the Sarrosante to conclude his precipitate entrance. When he did, Webster looked him over with mild curiosity and bowed with great condescension. "Did any gentleman ever tell the senator that he is an ill-mannered monkey?" he queried coolly in excellent Spanish. "If not, I desire to give the senator that information, and to tell him that his size alone prevents me from giving him a nice little spanking."

"Fig!" the rude one answered hotly. His olive features paled with anger, he trembled with emotion and seemed undecided what to do—seeing which Webster grinned at him tantalizingly. That decided him. No Latin-American, with the exaggerated ego of his race, can bear even a suspicion of ridicule. The officer walked fiercely toward Webster and swung his arm toward the latter's face in an effort to land a slap that was "meant."

Webster merely threw back his head and avoided the blow; his long left arm shot out and beat down the Sarrosante's guard; then Webster's right hand closed around the officer's collar. "Come to me, thou insolent little one," he crooned, and jerked his assailant toward him, gathered him up in his arms, carried him, kicking and screaming with futile rage, out onto the patio and soused him in the fountain.

"Now, then, spitfire, that will cool your hot head, I trust," he admonished.



Soused Him in the Fountain.

ed his unhappy victim, and returned to the hotel. At the desk he paused. "Who was that person I just bathed?" he inquired of the excited clerk. "Ah, señor, you shall not long be kept in ignorance," that functionary informed him. "That is the terrible Captain Benavides—"

"Do you know, I had a notion it was he?" Webster replied ruminatively. "Well, I suppose I'm in for a duel now," he added to himself as he limbed the stairs to his room. "I think that will be most interesting."

John Stuart Webster changed into dry clothing and descended to the dining-room. Miss Ruy was already seated at her table and motioned him to the seat opposite her, and as he sat down with a contented little sigh, she gazed at him with a newer and more alert interest.

"I hear you've been having adventures again," she challenged. "The news is all over the hotel. I heard it from the head waiter."

"Coffee and pistols for two at daylight," he answered cheerily. "By the way, I have made my will, just to be on the safe side. Will you be good enough to take charge of it until after the funeral? You can turn it over to Billy then."

She fell readily into the bantering spirit with which he treated this serious subject. Indeed, it was quite impossible to do otherwise, for John Stuart Webster's personality radiated such a feeling of security, of absolute, unbounded confidence in the future and disdain for whatever of good fortune or ill the future might entail, that Dolores found it impossible not to assimilate his mood.

At seven-thirty, after a delightful dinner, the memory of which Mr. Webster was certain would linger under his foretop long after every other memory had departed, he escorted her to the open carriage he had ordered, and for two hours they circled the Malecon with the elite of Buenaventura, listening to the music of the band, and during the brief intermissions, to the sound of the waves lapping the beach at the foot of the broad driveway.

"This," said John Stuart Webster, as he said goodnight to Dolores in the lobby, "is the end of a perfect day."

It wasn't for at that precise moment a servant handed him a card, and indicated a young man seated in an adjacent lounge-chair, at the same time volunteering the information that the visitor had been awaiting Senior Webster's return for the past hour.

Webster glanced at the card and strode over to the young man. "I am Mr. Webster, sir," he announced civilly in Spanish. "And you are Lieutenant Arredondo?"

The visitor rose, bowed low and indicated he was that gentleman. "I have called, Mr. Webster," he stated in most excellent English, "in the interest of my friend and comrade, Captain Benavides."

"Ah, yes! The fresh little rooster I ducked in the fountain this evening. Well, what does the little squirt want now? Another ducking?"

Arredondo flushed angrily but remembered the dignity of his mission and controlled his temper. "Captain Benavides has asked me to express to you the hope that you, being doubtless a man of honor—"

"Stop right there, Lieutenant. There is no doubt about it. I am a man of honor, and unless you are anxious to be ducked in the fountain, you will be more careful in your choice of words. Now then: You are about to say that, being a man of honor—"

"You would accord my friend the satisfaction which one gentleman never fails to accord another."

"That lets me out, amigo," Webster laughed. "Benavides isn't a gentleman. He's a cutthroat, a murdering little black-and-tan-bound. Do I understand he wants me to fight a duel with him?"

Lieutenant Arredondo could not trust himself to speak, and so he bowed profoundly.

"Very well, then, Lieutenant," Webster agreed. "I'll fight him."

"Tomorrow morning at five o'clock."

"Five minutes from now if you say so."

"Captain Benavides will be grateful for your willing spirit, at least," the second replied bitterly. "You realize, of course, Mr. Webster, that as the challenged party, the choice of weapons rests with you."

"Certainly. I wouldn't have risked a duel if the choice lay with the other fellow. With your permission, my dear sir, we'll fight with Mauser rifles at a thousand yards, for the reason that I never knew a Greaser that could hit the broad side of a brewery at any range over two hundred and fifty yards."

Webster chuckled fendishly. Lieutenant Arredondo bit his lips in anger and vexation. "I cannot agree to such an extraordinary duel," he complained. "It is the custom in Sobrante for gentlemen to fight with rapiers."

"Oh, dry up, you sneaking murderer," Webster exploded. "There isn't going to be any duel except on my terms—so you might as well take a straight tip from headquarters and stick to plain assassination. You and Benavides have been sent out by your superior to kill me—you got your orders this very afternoon at the entrance to the government palace—and I'm just not going to be killed. Beat it, boy, while the going is good." He pointed toward the hotel door. "Out, you blackguard!" he roared. "Vaya!"

Lieutenant Arredondo rose and with dignified mien started for the door. Webster followed, and as his visitor reached the portal, a tremendous kick, well placed, lifted him down to the sidewalk. Shrieking curses, he fled into the night; and John Stuart Webster, with a satisfied feeling that something accomplished had earned a night's repose, retired to his room in mauve silk pajamas, and slept the sleep of a healthy, conscience-free man.

At about the same hour Neddy Jerome wiped his spectacles, adjusted them on his nose and read this amazing message once more. "Jumped up Jehosophat!" he murmured. "If she hasn't followed that madcap Webster clear to Buenaventura! If she isn't out in earnest to turn her fee, I'm an orange-utang! By thunder, that's a smart woman. All right! I'll be implicitly obedient."

Two hours later Neddy Jerome received another cablegram. It was from John Stuart Webster and read as follows:

Jerome, playing solitaire in the Engineers' club in Denver, was the recipient of a cablegram which read:

"If W. cables accepting reply re- fecting account job filled otherwise be- nignly applied. Implicit obedience spells victory."

"Henrietta."

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"Hold job ninety days at latest may be back before. If satisfactory cable."

Again Mr. Jerome had recourse to the most powerful expletive at his command. "Henrietta knew he was going to cable and beat the old sourdough to it," he soliloquized. He was wrapped in profound admiration of her cunning for as much as five minutes; then he indited this reply to his victim:

"Time, tide and good jobs wait for no man. Sorry. Job already filled by better man."

When John Stuart Webster received that cablegram the following morning, he cursed bitterly—not because he had lost the best job that had ever been offered him, but because he had lost through playing a good hand poorly. He hated himself for his idleness.

CHAPTER XI.

For fully an hour after retiring John Stuart Webster slept the deep, untroubled sleep of a healthy unworried man; then one of the many species of "jiggers" which flourish just north and south of the equator crawled into bed with him and promptly proceeded to establish its commissary on the inner flank of the Websterian thigh, where the skin is thin and the blood close to the surface. As a consequence, Mr. Webster awoke suddenly, obliterated the intruder and got out of bed for the purpose of anointing the injured spot with alcohol—which being done, an acute search of the bed resulted in the discovery of three more jiggers and the envelopment of John Stuart Webster's soul in the fogs of apprehension.

"This is an evil land, filled with trouble," he mused as he lighted a cigarette. "If Miss Bill were here to advise me. He ought to be able to straighten this deal out and assure the higher-ups that I'm not butting in on their political affairs. But Bill's up-country and here I am under surveillance and unable to leave the hotel to talk it over with Andrew Bowers, the only other white expert I know of in town. And by the way, they're after Andrew, too! I wonder what for."

He smoked two cigarettes, the while he pondered the various visible aspects of this dark mess in which he found himself floundering. And finally he arrived at a decision. "These chaps aren't thorough," Webster decided. "They'll see me safely to bed and pick me up again in the morning—so I'll take a chance that the coast is clear, slip out now and talk it over with Andrew."

He looked at his watch—eleven-thirty. Hurriedly he dressed, strapped on his automatic pistol, dragged his bed noiselessly to the open window and tied to the bed-leg the rope he used to lash his trunk; then he lowered himself out the window. The length of rope permitted him to descend within a few feet of the ground.

Webster made his way to the street unnoted and ten minutes later appeared before the entrance of El Buen Amigo just as Mother Jenks was barring it for the night.

"I am Mr. Webster," he announced. "Mr. Geary's friend from the United States."

Mother Jenks, having heard of him, was of course profoundly flustered to meet this off who so carelessly wired his down-and-out friends pesos oro in lots of a thousand. Cordially she invited him within to stow a peg of her best, which invitation Mr. Webster promptly accepted.

"To your beautiful eyes," Webster toasted her. "And now would you mind leading me to the quarters of Billy's friend Mr. Bowers?"

She shuffled away, to return presently with the news that Mr. Bowers was in his room and would be delighted to receive Mr. Webster. Mother Jenks led Webster to the door, knocked, announced him and discreetly withdrew.

"My dear Webster!" cried Andrew Bowers enthusiastically, and he drew his late fellow-passenger into the room. Webster observed that Andrew was not alone. "I want to see you privately," he said. "Didn't know you had company, or I wouldn't have intruded."

"Well, I knew I had company, didn't I? Come in, you crazy fellow, and meet some good friends of mine who are very anxious to meet you." He turned to a tall, handsome, scholarly looking man of about forty, whose features, dress and manner of wearing his whiskers proclaimed him a personage.

"Dr. Eliseo Pacheco, I have the honor to present Mr. John S. Webster, the American gentleman of whom you have heard me speak."

Doctor Pacheco promptly leaped to his feet and bowed with ostentatious reverence then suddenly, with Latin impulsiveness, he advanced upon Webster, swept aside the latter's outstretched hand, clasped John Stuart Webster in fraternal embrace, and to the old sourdough's inexpressible horror, kissed him upon the right cheek—after which he backed off, bowed once more, and said in Spanish:

"Sir, my life is yours."

"It is well he gave it to you before you took it," Andrew said in English, and he laughed, noting Webster's confusion. "This gentleman is Colonel Pablo Carveo."

"Thunder, I'm in for it again," Webster thought—and he was, for the amiable Colonel embraced Webster and kissed his left cheek before turning to Andrew.

"You will convey to our guest, in English, Don Ricardo, assurances of my profound happiness in meeting him," he said in Spanish.

"The Colonel says you're all to the mustard," Andrew at once interpreted merrily.

"Rather a liberal translation," Webster retorted in Spanish, whereat Colonel Carveo sprang up and clapped his hands in delight.

"Your happiness, my dear Colonel," Webster continued, "is extravagant grief compared with my delight in meeting a Sobrantean gentleman who has no desire to skewer me." He turned to Andrew. "While introductions are in order, old son, suppose you complete the job and introduce yourself. I'm always suspicious of a man with an alias."

"Then behold the death of that impudent fellow Andrew Bowers, late valet de chambre to this eminent mining engineer and prince of gentlemen, Mr. John Stuart Webster. Doctor Pacheco, will you be good enough to perform the operation?"

"This gentleman," said the doctor, laying his hand on Andrew's shoulder, "is Don Ricardo Ruiz Ruy, a gentleman, a patriot, and the future president of our unhappy country."

Webster put his hands on the young man's shoulders. "Ricardo, my son," he asked earnestly, "do you think you could give me some little hint of the approximate date on which you will assume office? By the nine gods of war, I never wanted a friend as court so badly as I want you tonight."

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Webster sat down and helped himself from a box of cigars he found on Ricardo's bureau. "I feel I am among friends at last," he announced between preliminary puffs. "So listen while I spin a strange tale. I've been the pic-



He Lowered Himself Out of the Window.

ture of bad luck ever since I started for this infernal—this wonderful country of yours. In New Orleans I took a Sunday morning stroll in Jackson square and came across two men trying to knife another. In the interest of common decency I interfered and won a sweeping victory, but to my amazement the prospective corpse took to his heels and advised me to do the same."

Ricardo Ruy sprang for John Stuart Webster. "By George," he said in English. "I'm going to hug you, too. I really ought to kiss you, because I that man you saved from assassination, but—too long in the U. S. A., I suppose; I've lost the customs of my country."

"Get out," yelled Webster, fending him off. "By the way, Ricardo—I'm going to call you Rick for short—do you happen to have any relatives in this country?"

"Yes, a number of second and third cousins."

"Coming down on the steamer, I didn't like to appear curious, but all the time I wanted to ask you one question."

"Ask it now."

"Are you a Sobrantean?"

"I was born in this country and raised here until I was fourteen."

"But you're—why, hang it, you're not a Latin!"

"No, I'm a mixture, with Latin predominating. My forebears were pure Castilians from Madrid, and crossed the Western ocean in caravels. It's been a matter of pride with the house of Ruy to keep the breed pure, but despite all precautions, the family tree has been grafted once with a Scotch thistle, twice with the lily of France, and once with the shamrock of Ireland. My mother was an Irish woman."

"You abide yourself perfectly, Ricardo, and my curiosity is appeased. Permit me to continue my tale," he added in Spanish, and forthwith he related with humorous detail his adventure at borne him and Ricardo Ruy south. Ricardo interrupted him. "We know all about that, friend Webster, and we knew the two delightful gentlemen had been told off to get you—unofficially. The Sobrantean revolutionary junta has headquarters in New Orleans. It is composed of political exiles, for Sarros, the present dictator of Sobrante, rules with an iron hand, and has a cute little habit of rallofing his enemies to the cemetery via the treason charge and the firing squad. He killed my father, who was the best president this benighted country ever had, and I consider it my Christian duty to avenge my father and a patriotic duty to take up the task he left unfinished—the task of making over my country."

"In Sobrante, as in most of the countries in Central America, there are two distinct classes of people—the aristocrats and peons—and the aristocrat fattens on the peon, as he has had a habit of doing since Adam. We haven't any middle class to stand as a buffer between the two—which makes it a sad proposition. My father was an idealist and a dreamer and he dreamed of reform in government and a solution of the agrarian problem which confronts all Latin-America. He trusted one Pablo Sarros, an educated peon, who had commanded the government forces under the regime my father overthrew. My tender-hearted

parent discovered that Sarros was plotting to overthrow him; but instead of having him shot, he merely removed him from command. Sarros gathered a handful of bandits, joined the old government forces my father had conquered, hired a couple dozen Yankee artillerymen and—he won out. My father was captured and executed; the palace was burned, and my sister perished in the flames. I'm here to pay off the score."

"A worthy ambition! So you organized the revolutionary junta in New Orleans, eh?"

Ricardo nodded. "Word of it reached Sarros, and he sent his brother Raoul, chief of the intelligence bureau, to investigate and report. As fast as he reported, Colonel Carveo reported to me. My father's son possesses a name to conjure with. Consequently it was to the interest of the Sarros administration that I be eliminated. They watched every boat; hence my scheme for eluding their vigilance—which, thanks to you, worked like a charm."

"But," Webster complained, "I'm not sitting in the game at all, and yet I'm caught between the upper and nether millstones."

"That is easy to explain. You interfered that morning in Jackson square; then Raoul Sarros met you going aboard the steamer for Buenaventura and you manhandled him, and naturally, putting two and two together, he has concluded that you are not only his personal enemy but also a friend and protector of mine and consequently an enemy of the state."

"And as a consequence I'm marked for slaughter?"

"It would be well, my friend," Doctor Pacheco suggested, "to return to the United States until after Ricardo and his friends have eliminated your Nemesis."

"How soon will that happy event transpire?"

"In about sixty days we hope to be ready to strike, Mr. Webster."

Colonel Carveo cleared his throat. "I understand from Ricardo that you and another American are interested in a mining concession, Mr. Webster."

Webster nodded.

"Is this a concession from a private landholder or did your friend secure it from the Sarros government?"

"From the government. We pay ten per cent. royalty on a ninety-nine-year lease, and that's all I know about it. I have never seen the property, and my object in coming was to examine it and, if satisfied, finance the project."

"If you will return to your hotel, my dear sir," Colonel Carveo suggested, "and remain there until noon tomorrow, I feel confident I can guarantee you immunity from attack thereafter. I have a plan to influence my associates in the intelligence office."

"Bully for you, Colonel. Give me sixty days in which to operate, and I'll have finished my job in Sobrante and gotten out of it before that gang of cutthroats wakes up to the fact that I'm gone. I thank you, sir."

"The least we can do, since you have saved Ricardo's life and rendered our cause a great service, is to save your life," Colonel Carveo replied.

"Pull your hardware, you pretty pair of polecats!"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

SURELY "NOTHING IS NEW"

Discoveries in Babylonia Give Renewed Proof of Truth of the Ancient Saying.

Six thousand years ago the "ladies" painted their cheeks and penciled their eyebrows, according to Dr. E. J. Banks, who gave an illustrated lecture before the photographic section of the American Institute of the city of New York, says the Evening Sun of that city.

It was Doctor Banks who conducted the expedition into Babylonia and helped dig up the ruins of some of the ancient cities for which enterprise John D. Rockefeller contributed \$200,000 to the University of Chicago. In telling of "Modern Babylonia and Its Buried Cities" the archeologist had thrown upon the screen pictures of many kinds of earthen wares found among the ruins of the ancient dwellings. One kind of "twin" vases attracted especial attention.

The incorrect use of the handkerchief is, according to Dr. William S. Tomlin, one of the most prolific causes of acute disease of the middle ear, with consequent deafness. He says in the Indianapolis Medical Journal that the average adult constricts the nostrils when he blows his nose, thus producing extraordinary compression of the air in the naso-pharynx.

When he has a cold there is infection and swelling around the eustachian tubes, and the effort to expel the compressed air through the constricted nostrils is likely to blow some of the infected mucus into these tubes, thus starting the trouble.

When a person has a cold he should sleep on his side and not on his back, for thus he will establish good drainage from the eustachian tubes.

Pearl Poachers.

To see the pearl fisher at work there is no need to go to the South seas. In the first five days of June he may be found by burn or loch in a dozen parts of Scotland, says a correspondent. He is usually of the tinker class, and his outfit is of the simplest—a water telescope made of wood and a bit of common glass, and a cleft stick to pull up the mussels, in any one of which he may find a small fortune. These mussels—pearls from the Ythan and Teth and other Scottish streams fetch good prices; one was sold not long ago for fully \$250. Pearls are found in Canada mussels also, some of them of considerable value. But in Canada there is little or no private ownership of waters, so that our pearl fishers run no risk, as do the Scots, of being arrested for poaching.

—Montreal Herald.

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC 9.

Stamped dolls, unbreakable at
Redson & Cooley's.

Mrs. John Zeder and son Jack left
this afternoon to spend a few days
in Bay City.

Mrs. N. B. Goodar left Monday
night for Detroit to spend a couple
of weeks visiting a sister, at the end
of which time she will go on to Ashe-
ville North Carolina, to join Mr.
Goodar, who left in September for
the south. Together they will spend
the winter in that city as they have
done for the past several winters ow-
ing to Mr. Goodar's health.

A little fracas between Harry
Hirschberg and Alex. Biller, partners
in the junk business here, last Mon-
day caused the dissolution of that
firm. Mr. Hirschberg says that Biller
demanded money of him which he re-
fused to give, whereupon, says Hirsch-
berg, Biller threatened to shoot him
with a 32 calibre revolver that was
in the room. No warrant has been
sworn out against Biller and it is
reported that he has left town.

The building formerly occupied by
Frank Dreese as a clothing store is
taking on a new appearance. Sor-
enson Bros. purchased the building
some time ago and are fitting it up
for an undertaking establishment and
will move their equipment from their
undertaking rooms in their store to
this building. The windows have
been nicely trimmed presenting a
neat appearance. One represents a
miniature park. The firm expect to
open up the first of the year and the
place will be known as the Union
Funeral chapel.

A man whose name we have been
unable to learn wandered away from
Loud's camp near Lovells, Monday
morning of last week and nothing of
his whereabouts have been learned of
since. He was ill with pneumonia
and delirious with fever and left the
camp without any reason whatever.
The swamps and woods for miles
around have been searched, thirty
men having searched Tuesday the
day after he was missed, but no
trace of him could be found. He was
so ill that it is believed he must be
dead in the woods somewhere as he
must have suffered from exposure.
The man has relatives living at Houghton
Lake.

Geo. McCullough is confined at
home with a slight illness.

Trainmaster P. L. Prelm and Yard
master Wm. McNeven and some oth-
ers from Grayling will leave tonight
for Detroit to be in attendance at
a big Masonic meeting that will take
place at Palestine Temple in that
city tomorrow evening. At Bay City
they will be joined by Division Supt.
R. E. Laidlaw and Trainmaster G. C.
McDonald of that place, who are also
going to attend the Masonic affair.

Tuesday evening a delegation, con-
sisting of H. M. Ready, P. L. Prelm,
W. J. McNeven, W. B. Jamieson, A.
H. Kidston, B. B. DeLaMater, L. W.
Chappell, M. McDonald, A. J. Brud-
der, J. G. Smith and G. G. Pringle,
representing the yard masters,
switchmen, car checkers and other
departments of the Michigan Central
called on Mr. P. E. Gardner, former
train master at his home to bid him
farewell and success in his new po-
sition. While Mr. Gardner was train
master here he has won a host of
friends amongst the employees thru
his interest in them and his fair and
impartial dealings. That each man
appreciated his services was shown
at this gathering, as each one spoke
in his own way, the high esteem
which they held for a superior officer
that would give them a fair and
square deal, such as Mr. Gardner
has done. They assured the new
train master that they would do
whatever was asked of them. Mr.
Prelm assured them he would try
and do as well as Mr. Gardner had
done. Mr. Brenner then presented
Mr. Gardner with a fountain pen, a
box of cigars and a pair of gold cuff
links bearing his initials and the
Masonic emblem, as tokens of friend-
ship.

Red Cavaliers and red boots in felt
for Misses and children. Emil Kraus.



REMINISCENCES BY UNKLE PER- RY OSTRANDER.

Editor, Avalanche:
Dear Sir:

Kindly lay aside the tools of your
industry a few moments and we will
take a voyage back over the stream
of time. Well here we are 77 years
ago. See that little tot coming down
the street; he is just past his third
birthday, the dress he wears is the
product of his mother's spinning
wheel, loom and needle; notice the
calico sunbonnet. The girls on each
side are his sisters. That little chap
is me.

I am on my way to school; here I
am and my sisters have lifted me up
the steps and I am in the presence of
the teacher for the first time. Let
us look around for a few moments;
the interior is without paint or white-
wash, the seating is all crude, hand
made with benches for the "juvenile
class", that are of plank with legs
long enough to prevent the children
from scuffing their feet on the floor;
there was no support for the back.
The house was without decorations
of any kind, unless the elaborate
carving on the boys' desks could be
so called.

I occupied a high position on the
supreme bench, in a conspicuous
place. On the rostrum was the
(dance block)—this was a block turn-
ed from soft wood about 18 inches
in height, 8 inches at the base and
about 6 at the apex; this was used to
punish wrong doers. To sit on the
dance block was humiliating and a
disgrace, and more so when at
the same time one had to wear a fun-
nel shaped cap with the word FOOL
painted on it. On such occasions the
pupils were allowed one minute to
laugh and jeer.

As for sanitary it was not to be
found outside or in, nor was there
a trace of ventilation.
I occupied a high position on the
supreme bench. My turn came and
with another baby I took a posi-
tion by the teacher and commenced
the task of learning the ABCs. The
process was quite slow but very rest-
ful. I missed my cradle. There were
many handicaps which made it hard

for the teachers. One was scarcity
of books in reading; one book often
was used for two or three. There
was not so many topics taught as
now and as a rule the pupils were
well advanced in spelling. They ex-
celled with their spelling contest at
the week-ends and the weekly eve-
ning spelling school they became
champion spellers.

I am not writing this for the pur-
pose of ridicule. Those hardy pio-
neers did the best they could and to
them is the honor of laying the
foundation which has evolved into
our present educational system. I
struggled along until ten years of
age when circumstances prevented
me much to my regret from further
attendance at school. Let us return
now and perhaps we will at some
convenient time enjoy another voyage
in the retrospect. Uncle Perry.

3,500,000 CHILDREN FACING STARVATION

Vast Relief Effort Launched by Eight Leading American Organ- izations to Avert Tragedy.

The most spontaneous as well as the
largest consolidation of effort in the
history of American relief and charita-
ble organizations has grown out of the
disaster which threatens 3,500,000
European children this winter. To the
headquarters of every agency that dis-
penses American mercy overseas has
come one steady cry for months past:
the children, most helpless and blame-
less sufferers in the track of war, will
perish by the thousands before next
harvest unless America saves them!

When Dr. Livingston Farrand, chair-
man of the Central Committee of the
American Red Cross, returned from a
recent trip abroad, his report throbbed
with the need of the children. From
the feeding-stations of the American
Relief Administration throughout east-
ern and central Europe came letters,
cables, pleas of every sort. The Pro-
testant churches sent investigators
into after-war conditions and every
report breathed the impending tragedy
of starving and diseased children.
Protestant, Catholic and Jewish, the
child life of Europe is threatened with
heartrending misery.

The European Relief Council, with
Herbert Hoover as chairman and the
whole power of American charitable
thought and effort behind it, has been
formed. It consists of Edgar Rick-
ard, representing the American Relief
Administration; Dr. Livingston Far-
rand, representing the American Red
Cross; Felix Warburg, representing
the Jewish Joint Distribution Com-
mittee; Wilbur K. Thomas, representing
the American Friends' Service Com-
mittee; James A. Flaherty, represent-
ing the Knights of Columbus; Dr. C.
V. Hubbard, representing the Young
Men's Christian Association; Miss
Sarah S. Lyon, representing the Young
Women's Christian Association; Dr.
Arthur Brown, representing the Fed-
eral Council of Churches.

It is the purpose of the Council to
raise \$33,000,000, in an appeal center-
ing at the Christmas holidays, to the
end that the situation regarding child
life may be met. In every town and
community of the nation, it is hoped,
local committees, representing all the
co-operating agencies will be formed
to secure the vitally necessary funds.
Of the amount sought, \$25,000,000 will
be used for basic food. For every one
of these American dollars the local
governments and communities aided
will furnish two dollars, in the form
of transportation, labor, guards, clerical
help, cash contributions and such
food supplies as are locally obtainable.
No children receive the free food ex-
cept after medical tests showing them
to be seriously under-nourished. The
remaining \$10,000,000 of the fund is
just as urgently needed for medical
service to the children.

The European Relief Council will do
much more than effect economies in
the raising of the child-saving fund.
It will, with the inspecting forces of
eight great agencies, keep a constant
eye on the administration of America's
merciful gift, in order that there shall
be no wastage and no tendency toward
pauperization.

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gone. You may publish my state-
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hazard way does not require any
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give bond, write today for infor-
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for selling products of largest in-
stitution of kind in world. Twenty
million users. J. R. WATKINS
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INCLUDED AT READJUSTMENT SALE PRICES, OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF

Useful Gifts

FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

YOU'VE never had such a wonderful opportunity to buy useful gifts for Men, Wo-
men and Children at Readjustment Sale Prices. And they're all things he or she can
use—that will last long after Christmas.

We suggest these Useful Gifts



Suspenders, Arm Bands, Garters, Scarf
Pins, Cuff Links in Xmas boxes at the
reduced prices.

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS.

We have a very large assortment
in fancy boxes to sell from 25c to \$1.50
A box containing from 3 to 6 handker-
chiefs.

NECKWEAR.

in fancy boxes.....39c up
A necktie is a very useful gift for him
and we have the newest styles and
shapes in knit or silk. All in a refined
gift box.

FOR HER.

A box of holeproof Silk Hosiery in any
color.

FELT SLIPPERS.

in all sizes and colors—for men, wo-
men and children.

Bath Robes for men and women \$6.50
and up. Children's\$3.50
Shirts in fancy Xmas boxes. \$2.00 up
Mufflers, silk and knit.....50c up
Hose, silk or lisle, put up in Fancy
boxes.
Men's Fur Caps.
Bags and Suit Cases.
Cloth Caps.
Sweater Coats and V necks at special
prices. Give him a warm present.



Clothing Department

MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS

We have men's Suits at regular prices.
\$55.00 which we will sell for...\$36.00
Other bargains too numerous to men-
tion.

Also special prices in Mackinaws,
Sheepskin Coats.

Men's Heavy Pants—look over line of
prices, that appeal to everybody.

MAX LANDSBERG

THE SIMPSON CO.

PHONE
FOURTEEN

GROCERS

PROMPT
DELIVERY

OUR ECONOMY LIST FOR SATURDAY

Sugar, Pure Cane, 10 lbs. \$1.03

Prunes, Fancy new pack, 2 lbs.....	49c	Ivory Soap, one lot to a customer, 5 cakes.....	39c
Compound Lard, very low price, 5 lbs.....	89c	Green Japan Tea, 80c value, lb.....	65c
Butter, Creamery, Fresh daily, lb.....	53c	Holland Herring, new 10 lb. kegs, each.....	\$1.10
Old Master Coffee, nothing better, lb.....	45c	Dried Apples, fancy, large pieces, 2 lbs.....	39c
Succotash, Richelieu Brand, 2 cans.....	45c	Sardines in mustard with carton, 2.....	25c
Wax Beans, Richelieu yellow tender bean, 2 cans.....	47c	Graham Crackers, fresh from the Na- tional Bakeries, lb.....	23c
Apricots, Richelieu sliced, 75c value —1 can to a customer, can.....	45c	Rolled Oats, Richelieu, large pkg.....	35c
Peas, early June, choice grade, 2 cans.....	27c	Post Toasties, why pay more, 2 pkgs.....	25c
Beans, Van Camps with pork and to- mato-sauce, 3 cans.....	35c	Mayonnaise Dressing, Richelieu, bot.....	45c
Wax Beans, choice grade, 3 cans.....	39c	Olive Oil, new imported, Pt. can.....	92c
		Walnut Meats, large fresh halves, 1/2 pound.....	29c

THE Richelieu STORE

Select your Christmas Presents at

Lewis' Drug Store

Fancy Packages Perfumes, Toilet waters, ranging from 25c to \$10.00.



Fountain pens; Ever sharp pencils; Flash lights—the famous Kwiklight; Line of books for young and old; Cigars and Tobacco in special Gift Packages; Stationary in Gift Packages, all sizes and prices; Fine line



of White Ivory; We have by far the best line of Candy, that has ever been shown in Grayling; Fancy Pipes, Cigars and Cigarette holders; Gift Packages in Safety Razors, Gems and Ever-ready at \$1.00; Gilletts from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Cameras make good gifts, we have them best made Ansco from \$3.25 to \$60.00.

**LOCAL NEWS**

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC 9.

R. D. Bailey of Gaylord was a visitor in Grayling last week Friday.

Special at the Emil Kraus store—50c light and dark outings at 25c per yard.

Mrs. L. J. Kraus and children Jack and Elizabeth Ann left Monday afternoon to visit relatives in Saginaw and Durand for about ten days.

West Branch High School Boys' and Girls' basketball teams opened the season by defeating the High School teams of Sterling last week.

Mrs. Nina A. Griffith of Gaylord proprietor of the Hat Shop was in Grayling on business Tuesday.

See our line of Ladies' silk petticoats, silk teddy bears and camisoles. Emil Kraus, Dry Goods.

James Armstrong returned Wednesday morning from a week's visit in Utica and Detroit with relatives.

Our store is now open in the evening for the Christmas shopper. Sorenson Bros.

Wilhelm Raue of Johannesburg was in Grayling yesterday to attend the regular monthly directors' meeting of the local lumber companies.

Mrs. Peter E. Johnson left yesterday afternoon for Grand Rapids to visit Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnston, who are the parents of a 9½ pound daughter, born Saturday, November 27. Mrs. Johnston is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Johnson.

C. M. Morfit is in Bay City on business this week.

Fine line of gold and silver thread at Redson & Cooley's.

Mrs. Bert Debrahn and children are spending a few days in Cheboygan leaving yesterday morning.

Mrs. Hyman Joseph was called to Milwaukee, Wis. on account of the illness of her daughter's husband Mr. Harry Fredman.

Mrs. Henry Bauman returned from Detroit Monday afternoon. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Sidney Graham.

Mrs. George Alexander returned from Detroit Tuesday afternoon, where she has been taking treatment for some time.

All men's women's and children's winter underwear at 25c off the regular price.

Emil Kraus, Dry Goods.

Mrs. Anna Curler and children of Detroit are visiting at the home of her father, John Niederer, and expects to remain for the winter.

Fr. J. J. Riess of Grand Rapids was a guest at St. Mary's parsonage Sunday, and assisted Fr. E. J. Walters at the masses Sunday morning.

Harry Simpson was ill for several days last week with a bad cold and confined to his home. However he has recovered and is back in the store.

Mrs. Tracy Nelson and little son Tracy, Jr. of Flint are visiting at the home of Mrs. Nelson's mother, Mrs. David White and other relatives.

An exceptionally fine doll will be given away at our store for Christmas. Ask the clerk about it the next time you are in the store.

Sorenson Bros.

A visit to our store now will convince you that this is the real Christmas store. No trouble at all to select a present for young or old, and at very reasonable prices.

Sorenson Bros.

At the annual meeting and election of officers of the Otsego County Red Cross chapter it was voted to try and secure a community nurse for that county, the same as Grayling and Cheboygan have.

Our stock of diamond rings and other holiday gifts is too great to permit detailed description—but it surely merits your attention if you seek gifts of diamonds, watches, jewelry or silverware. B. A. Cooley.

Boyd J. Funch of Eldorado, was in the city the latter part of last week when he had his tonsils removed. He was very game and submitted to the operation without the use of an anesthetic except locally, and got thru it very well. He left the hospital Monday for his home.

The annual sale of Christmas seals will start next Monday. The seals will be sold by the school children and the grade selling the largest number will receive a prize. The Boy scouts also will have stamps for sale and the four patrols will contest in selling. The sale is in charge of Supt. P. G. Zalsman and he invites everybody to do their part by buying.

The remains of Wilfred L. Miller, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Miller of Bay City, formerly residents of Grayling were brought to this place for burial Tuesday, the funeral being held at two o'clock that afternoon. The little boy died early last Saturday morning of bronchial pneumonia after a brief illness. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dupree accompanied the parents here with the remains.

The Northeastern Development bureau has arranged with the du Pont company to furnish lime for fertilizing purposes to all farmers for the small sum of 50 cents per wagon or sleigh load. Lime is needed on all land in this section of the state. Farmers, here is your opportunity to get a good Fertilizer for practically nothing. Drive to the plant and help yourselves, put on as big a load as you can haul and pay at their office.

A number of complaints about Mr. Truax, the leper who was isolated at Knecht lake, east of this place, were sent into Lansing and resulted in the latter being called to that place last week. No doubt he will be taken to some other region for care. It is claimed that he had been very bold at times and that he had even come into town. It seems to be quite generally known that young boys had been admitted into his cottage at several occasions, laying themselves open to exposure and danger. Also the people living in the vicinity of that region had felt quite uneasy about his being there, and all will be glad he has been taken away.

G. F. Metcalf, Sectional Welfare officer called at the office of Crawford Avalanche on Friday Dec. 3rd, and wants all former service men who are entitled to receive compensation or vocational training to get in touch with him either direct or thru A. C. McIntyre of the American Legion, who will take the case up with him and see that the proper steps are taken. The Welfare department of the American Legion, of which F. B. Broderick is in charge, handles all cases of the ex-service man, regarding lost Liberty bonds, back pay, war risk insurance, legal aid, in fact any claim that the service man may have. Mr. Metcalf's office is located in the Armory, Saginaw, Mich.

John Stephan was showing about town Saturday last a fine specimen of Arctic white owl. It was a beauty, its wings spreading exactly five feet, and from top of the head to end of tail it measured 24 inches. The bird was first noticed while settling on a stump back of his barn. Mr. Stephan said, and it was only a small matter to shoot it with a rifle. It is no doubt was looking for a breakfast of young chicken. The bird was shipped to a friend of Mr. Stephan's, Toledo, who will have it mounted. Dr. Palmer has a similar bird mounted in his home that he shot over 80 years ago at his ranch down the Owl-Sable river. These species of owl are very rare in this region.

Ginghams at reduced prices: 75c gingham now 55c; 50c and 40c gingham now 25c. Emil Kraus, dry goods.

GOOD NEWS

The Greatest slashing of prices this Store has ever known in Men's Suits and Overcoats. This fall and winter garments are now being priced lower than in several years.

\$60, \$65 and \$70 Suits and Overcoats are now	\$40.00
\$45, \$50, and \$55 Suits and Overcoats are now	\$32.50
\$30, \$35, and \$40 Suits and Overcoats are now	\$25.00
\$20, \$22.50 and \$28 Suits and Overcoats are now	\$15.00

We are Going the Limit on Price Revisions in our Coat Dep't.

Ladies' and Misses' Coats of Velour, Kerseys, Seal Plushes are now marked 1-3 Off

Reductions are now made in every department. You can save from 10 to 50 per cent on your purchases.

Holiday goods are on display at revised prices. Stocks are now at their best—Shop early.

Gossard Front Lacing Corsets

at Great Price Reductions



This is one of the most momentous announcements we could make. These reductions should not be confused with the many "sales" that are now going on, because the unequalled quality of GOSSARD CORSETS makes impossible their comparison with usual merchandise.

\$8.50 Corsets, now.....	\$4.50
\$6.50 Corsets, now.....	\$3.75
\$5.50 Corsets, now.....	\$3.25
\$5.00 Corsets, now.....	\$3.00
\$4.50 and \$4.00 Corsets, now.....	\$2.50

Selling these world-famed original front lacing corsets is but another evidence of our effort to serve our customers in these unusual times, by offering values we can guarantee as exceptional.

We urge prompt action. While the groups we now offer are full and rich in selection, the demand for such exclusive merchandise at such unusual prices will make rapid inroads upon our stock.

Grayling Mercantile Co. The Quality Store.



All out-doors invites your Christmas Kodak

It's a gift no sooner opened than it's used

We don't mind the Christmas rush except that it causes inconvenience to you and the rest of our customers—and, of course, we don't like that. Shop early in the month, early in the day—that's pretty good advice—but of course we're glad to see you any time.

Kodaks from \$9.49 up—Brownies, \$2.86 up

Sorenson Brothers

Home of Dependable Furniture.

\$4.25 blankets for \$2.50. Emil Kraus.

Cyrenius Brick came from Detroit Tuesday to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Joseph Gibbons, formerly Miss Lois Larive was called to Roscommon last week by the serious illness of her brother, Lynn Larive.

P. de Chauny of South Branch township accompanied his two nephews Christian and John to Saginaw, where the boys will enter a parochial school.

Upon special request of a number of our citizens the choir of the Michaelson Memorial church will repeat their musical numbers rendered last Sunday.

Mrs. William Smith underwent an operation for appendicitis at Mercy Hospital last Friday morning. She is getting along as well as can be expected.

Joe W. Anderson, I. Saperstone, and J. V. Correy of Alba, were Grayling visitors Thursday night of last week and attended the Masonic meeting and banquet.

Grayling is to have a public park, the County board of supervisors having voted to appropriate the money to buy a site. They are planning on a site about 4 miles from Grayling on the east shore of Otsego lake.

Ladies' Boudoir slippers in gray, maroon, red, navy, old rose and brocade in all shades. Emil Kraus.

Stamped dolls and complete set of clothes, all made, just require a few stitches of embroidery to finish them. Redson & Cooley's at the Gift Shop.

Miss Edith Olstrom of Detroit is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Adams and expects to remain until after Christmas. Miss Olstrom was at one time employed in the City telephone office here making her home with her sister.

Mr. P. L. Prelm of Detroit, has succeeded Mr. P. E. Gardner as train master of the Michigan Central with headquarters at Grayling. Mr. Prelm comes well recommended and the people of Grayling bid him welcome. He will move his family and household effects here in the near future.

The Ladies of the Danish Aid society were guests of the Ladies' aid of Michaelson Memorial church at a Christmas party Wednesday afternoon. There were about seventy-five ladies present and every one had a fine time. During the afternoon a musical program was enjoyed and a delicious lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Quigley have returned from Flint, where they have been the past several months. Mr. Quigley is employed at one of the Buick auto plants, and came back here until work opens up again there. Frank Ahman is ill at his home in Saginaw with appendicitis, according to word received by friends of the Ahman family in Grayling.

PATIENT TAKEN FROM HOSPITAL AND PUT IN ROSCOMMON JAIL.

Dr. Curnalia Raised Protest and Got Prisoner Released.

Sherman Culp of Grand Rapids claimed to have been struck by an automobile near Roscommon recently and was injured and, it appears applied for aid to the authorities of Roscommon county. He was sent to Mercy hospital of this city, under care of Dr. C. C. Curnalia of Roscommon.

Now it appears that some of the county officials of Roscommon county were not satisfied and a warrant was issued charging Culp with defrauding the Poor commissioners. According to reports Sheriff Alexander Johnson came to Grayling and called on the patient at the hospital and told the Sister in charge that Dr. Curnalia had given consent to have Culp removed and therefore took the patient to the jail in Roscommon.

Dr. Curnalia says that he had not given his consent and had not even been consulted in the matter and was very angry at the action of the officials. Culp is an ex-service man and claims to have suffered shell-shock and is also suffering from epilepsy. He wears a Croix de Guerre. Mr. Metcalf of Saginaw who is a member

of the American legion and is looking after the interests of any sick or disabled service men, was called here for consultation and says that he intends to see the matter thru and see that Culp gets a square deal.

Culp was given a hearing in court at Roscommon Wednesday morning and at that time it is reported that Dr. Curnalia told some of the officers there where to get off at and in general gave them a good "bawling out." He claimed that Culp was ill and that the Sheriff nor any other officer had any right to remove him without the consent of his physician.

Mr. Metcalf has been in Grayling since yesterday afternoon and has secured several sworn affidavits relative to the case, together with a signed statement made by Mr. Culp, reported as implicating conspiracy on the part of the sheriff and prosecuting attorney of Roscommon county to railroad Culp to prison.

The Justice of Roscommon bound Culp over to circuit court for trial but the latter was released under \$250.00 bail which Mr. Metcalf claims he furnished.

There promises to be a lot of trouble to grow out of this case and it will be watched with interest. The sheriff and prosecutor of Roscommon county, Dr. Curnalia and Mr. Metcalf all have their coats off and it looks like there would be a fight to the finish.

Handkerchiefs in Xmas boxes. 85c up to \$2.00. Emil Kraus.

STATE NEWS

Caro—Medical inspection of school children here is to begin in January.

Owosso—The city commission has increased the salary of the municipal justice from \$9,000 to \$10,800.

Traverse City—Robert Barney was elected president of the Michigan Fair association for the tenth year.

Tipler—Julius Oelsner, 66, was killed here when his coat caught in the shafting of the Tipler Grossman mill.

Amberg—John Smeester, 26, was fatally shot near Beecher lake, when the gun of a companion accidentally exploded.

Battle Creek—The central counting system probably will be discontinued here because it proved a failure in the last election.

Grand Rapids—Prof. J. G. Lawson, of Hinsdale, Ill., has been installed pastor of Case Avenue Seventh Day Adventist church here.

Mt. Clemens—A special election will be held Jan. 11 to vote on authorizing \$40,000 bonds for new wells, to increase the water supply.

Owosso—The Owosso Sugar Co. has sent out checks for \$1,000,000 to pay for beets delivered up to Oct. 15. Another \$1,000,000 will be paid out before the season ends.

Bad Axe—L. A. Currie was brought here from Detroit to face a charge of passing bad checks for \$200, preferred by William Thornby, proprietor of the Hotel Morrow.

Scottville—Jos. Nicossa, 60, propped up in bed, counted the hour as the clock chimed 3 and then died. He was owner of cheese factories in Fountain and Freehold districts.

Monroe—Charged with rifling two mail pouches, Humboldt Klatt, 23 years old, Monroe, waived examination and was bound over to the Detroit Federal grand jury. Bail was set at \$1,000.

Battle Creek—Rigid enforcement of the new milk ordinance which becomes effective Jan. 1 is planned by the city officials. The new ordinance permits only milk from tested cows to be sold.

Holland—The shifting of the Ottawa Beach pier threatens to stop transportation between Holland and Chicago, says J. S. Morton, of the Graham & Morton Transportation company.

Mt. Clemens—Fred Eberts, former service man and owner of a Mt. Clemens-Detroit truck line, was placed on parole for two years. He has made good the \$300 obtained from a local bank on fraudulent checks.

Pontiac—Oakland County has sold \$375,000 jail bonds to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago and expects to receive bids in January, when the board of supervisors convenes. The new jail will house 100 prisoners.

Amberg—John Smeester, 26 years old, shot and fatally wounded by a hunting companion Thanksgiving Day, had twice before been wounded in hunting accidents. Once he was shot in the stomach. Another time his arm was permanently disabled.

Big Rapids—Frank Thrush and his wife Alta were convicted of maltreating their daughter, Mary McDonald, 16 years old, by chaining her to a bedpost. Thrush was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and serve 60 days in jail. His wife was fined \$50 or 30 days.

Grand Rapids—George P. Hummer, pioneer furniture manufacturer and twice Democratic candidate for Congress in the Fifth (Grand Rapids) district, was killed recently when the car he was driving ran over a ditch near Grandville, and overturned. The driver was slightly injured.

Grand Rapids—Efforts of the Kent board of supervisors to abolish the board of directors, to increase the salaries of all county officers and to raise the fees in the register of deeds have failed because of Gov. Sleeper's refusal to approve the ordinance passed in October.

Muskegon—Although she knew nothing of the operation of a motor boat, Mrs. Kate Chaffee succeeded in bringing one seven miles down the treacherous Muskegon River when her companion, Henry Vandervee, was stricken at the wheel. Vandervee died as the boat was being docked.

Escanaba—Mike Ikonen, 22, Finn, was arrested in a lumber camp at Maple Ridge, on the charge of complicity in several murders, after being trailed six months. Detective G. A. Hoel of Duluth tracked Ikonen through northern Minnesota, the Dakotas, Manitoba to Winnipeg, and to the upper peninsula.

Grand Rapids—Judge M. L. Dunham, of superior court, is conducting an investigation to determine how Hal Daniels, on trial in his court for larceny, obtained possession of a bottle of moonshine while in the courtroom. Clerk J. M. Vanderwal found the bottle, with its contents nearly gone, under Daniels' chair. Daniels was later convicted.

Kalamazoo—The Wolverine Mutual Motor Insurance company need not pay for damages to an insured machine if the car was driven at an unreasonable, although legal rate of speed. A jury released the company from its obligations in the case brought by Dr. John St. John who sued to recover \$435, because it decided the car was being driven at what, under the circumstances, was a reckless, although legal speed. The machine was broken up in collision with a car driven by Mayor Albert Todd.

Lansing—Frank E. Gorman, state treasurer, announced that Michigan had disposed of \$1,000,000 worth of state highway bonds to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago. The bonds are to bear 5 per cent interest, of the issue for the present fiscal year, as approved by the electors in 1918, when \$50,000,000 was granted for highway improvement. The bonds are to be issued at the rate of \$5,000,000 a year. Terms under which the bank bought the bonds were at par with an accrued interest plus a premium of \$10,767, Mr. Gorman said.

Pontiac—St. Mary's seminary at Orchard Lake was damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars by fire.

Escanaba—Joseph H. Sheridan, of the Michigan state police, charged with slaying John Kereinski, bartender here, is out on \$5,000 bail.

Grand Rapids—Indications are that many hog raisers of Kent and adjacent counties will market their porkers young to avoid buying winter feed, it is declared here.

Grand Rapids—The Grand Rapids Trust Co. has been appointed executor of the estate of Charles G. Wing, Ludington banker and publisher. The estate is valued at more than \$200,000.

Flint—Alex Johnson, 51, was sentenced to Marquette prison, for life, following conviction for killing his son-in-law, Oco Woods, for preventing Johnson from abusing his family.

Iron Mountain—Simon Stonge, 26, committed suicide at his home by shooting himself in the chest with a shot gun. He left a note saying, because of poor health, he had nothing to live for.

Grand Rapids—Frank, 18-month-old son of Earl Huntton of Mecosta, died here of hemorrhages resulting from the severing of an artery, in his tongue, when he fell, striking his chin on the floor.

Holland—Holland Co-operative association, comprising 525 farmer stockholders, reports at the end of its first year of business, net profits of \$272,337. More than \$63,000 is invested in real estate.

Grand Rapids—Suit for \$10,000 damages has been commenced in superior court by George W. Lindsey, Detroit, architect, against the Regent Theater company. The suit is for alleged services rendered.

Mt. Clemens—Mrs. Lucille T. Janus, widow of Capt. Roger W. Janus, chief test pilot for the A. E. F., who was killed in France, and Albert W. Oeming, a former captain of infantry, were married here.

Saginaw—Joseph Maherik and Vincent Andruskiewicz, 16-year-old youths, are being held by the police for postal authorities for the alleged theft of a box of furs valued at \$600 from a Pere Marquette mail train.

Kalamazoo—A. M. Todd, former representative in Congress, and Mrs. Todd have returned from a seven months' tour of Europe, bringing with them 75 works of art, many of them prizes from British and European galleries.

Alpena—The largest deer shot in Alpena County this season, a 270-pound buck, with spreading antlers, will be given to President-elect Warren G. Harding. The deer was shot near the Beaver Lake Hunting Club by Wayne Ponting, of Chicago.

Albion—Carefully picking over the entire stock and choosing only the finest garments, burglars made away with furs valued at between \$15,000 and \$20,000 from the George Bullen & Co. department store here. Entrance was gained through a rear window.

Vicksburg—Vicksburg's 10-year-old dream of a modern hospital seems about to come true. The hospital fund, started a few years ago by a bequest of Mrs. Ella Singleton, has grown until almost enough money has been pledged to assure construction of a building.

Holland—By hanging a blanket in front of the window, prisoners in the Ottawa county jail endeavored to saw through the bars and make their escape. Sheriff Dornbos found the prisoners at work after one bar had been removed and put back in place by means of soap.

Pontiac—Petitions were filed requesting a vote of the electors on the proposal to incorporate as a city the bulk of Royal Oak township. This section includes Royal Oak, Pleasant Ridge and Ferndale villages. A population of 15,000 is claimed for the district. Royal Oak's population is 6,007.

Marine City—Marine City's police force jumped from one officer to 61 over night when the council authorized Mayor T. E. DeGurse to deputize as many citizens as he saw fit. The members of three volunteer fire companies of 20 men each were all appointed deputy marshals immediately by the mayor.

Standish—Norman Rossier, who lives with his father near Prescott, wanted to see his mother, divorced, in Pontiac; so he stole a horse and saddle from Ira Bordell's barn and started on his way. He was caught at Pinconning. Although only 12 years old, he admitted he has been arrested 12 times for stealing.

Lansing—Michigan ranks fourth in the production of late cabbage in 1920, according to the preliminary estimate of the bureau of crop estimates, as compiled by Verne H. Church, agricultural statistician. It is estimated that the commercial crop will be 2,257 cars. New York leads with 25,586 cars. Wisconsin is second with 10,267 cars, and Colorado is third with 4,592 cars. The total number of carloads for the United States is placed at 49,752.

Lansing—Appearing before the state budget commission in an effort to secure adoption of a building program, involving an expenditure of \$866,000, President Charles McKenny, of Michigan State Normal school at Ypsilanti presented facts regarding rooming house accommodations for the state to his mind were "unbelievable." There are 42 homes in Ypsilanti, housing between 10 and 27 students, President McKenny said, and in four of these instances, two bath rooms are available, while the remaining 38 places have but one bath room.

Hastings—Negotiations for the purchase of a Kentucky coal mine by the Michigan state grange have temporarily been abandoned, according to John C. Ketcham, state master. "After a full consideration of coal mine propositions and a careful examination of the property, we concluded that it was not best to venture into this field just now," Mr. Ketcham said. The coal mine project will be discussed at the state grange convention in Grand Rapids Dec. 14-17 as one of the subjects announced as a program has a bearing on the subject.

RECORD MADE IN COLLECTING TAX

MORE THAN FIVE BILLION DOLLARS RECEIVED BY BUREAU.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX LARGEST

Tobacco Users Pay \$295,809,355 Into Treasury; Departing Aliens Yield \$13, 117,788.

Washington.—Collection of \$5,497,580,251 in taxes, and efforts to control the liquor traffic formed the principal work of the internal revenue bureau during the last fiscal year, Commissioner Williams reports.

The tax collection was the greatest in the history of the nation, he added, while in prohibition enforcement the bureau was faced with the creation of an organization which embraced all states and Hawaii, Porto Rico and Alaska.

Income and profits tax made up the bulk of the revenue obtained by the government. The report shows that an additional \$295,809,355 came from tobacco taxes. The levy on distilled and fermented liquors produced \$139,401,149 and miscellaneous and war excise taxes brought in \$833,863,871. The remainder of the revenue was from capital stock, stamp and special taxation.

Mr. Williams noted the collection of \$13,117,788 from aliens who were departing for their native lands after a temporary residence in the United States.

The report said the government had employed the permit system as one of its chief methods of controlling the liquor traffic as its sources.

Chicago.—Bids for the sale of Camp Custer, near Battle Creek, Mich., will be received by the War Department at Washington on Dec. 22, it was announced at the headquarters of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, commander of the Sixth Army Corps. Everything at the camp except the land and the underground improvements will be sold.

Battle Creek.—In an attempt to halt action in the abandonment of Camp Custer until the new administration begins, directors of the Chamber of Commerce voted to send a delegation to Chicago to confer with Major General Leonard A. Wood, head of the central war department.

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START INVESTIGATION OF HARD COAL PRICES



Washington.—Senate investigation into the prices of anthracite coal was begun in New York in charge of Senator Calder, chairman of the senate committee of inquiry. Senator Calder said the governors of the New England states had requested the investigation.

This is the first time the anthracite situation has been taken up by the senate committee, the investigations heretofore having to do with the prices of bituminous coal.

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CONDENSED CLASSICS

TESS OF THE D'URBERVILLES

By THOMAS HARDY

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Thomas Hardy has been called by critics and public alike a pessimist, determined to look upon the dark side of life. Careful reading reveals him to be a realist, not a pessimist. He depicts with matchless skill the struggle of human beings against fate—the fate of an inner weakness or a cruel and inescapable circumstance. He paints these struggles with a background of nature which is beautiful or sinister, gentle or ugly, but is always inevitable and organic. Yet his own "solitary, brooding, strongly colored mind" dominates men and landscape.

This is especially true in his most famous novel, "Tessa." It is at once the most tragically pitiful of his books, and, if deeply read, the most hopeful, for the sorrows of Tessa are due to stupidities in our civilization which may be done away with.

"GOOD morning, Sir John." The bewildered peddler thus addressed was speedily converted into a majestic pride upon learning that he, John Durbeyfield of Marlott, was actually a lineal descendant of the noble family of D'Urberville.

And no sooner had Joan, his handsome, shallow-minded wife, the easy-going mother of his many children, heard of her exalted estate, than her romantic soul began secretly to devise a brilliant and fitting alliance for her beautiful young daughter. To which end Tessa was artfully prevailed upon to seek work in a wealthy upstart family of the same illustrious name.

And so the innocent child, whose single-minded desire was to mend the broken fortunes of her family, became poultry keeper for the blind woman of spurious title and ultimate prey for her son, a dissolute wretch, young Alec D'Urberville. After a while back to Marlott came the disillusioned girl, where she lived in a gray seclusion until her weazened little baby's death.

But after several bitter years of heart searching, Tessa determined to leave home again—this time to be dairymaid at Talbothays, a large, fertile farm in the valley of the Great Dairies. And here, too, was a young man, the youngest son of a stern and zealous divine of the old school, Angel Clare had sadly disappointed his father, first by non-conformist views and then by sincere scruples against taking orders. So now, in process of becoming gentleman farmer, he was specializing at various farms. Cultured, idealistic, sympathetic, he seemed to Tessa a demigod, and though she had sworn herself to celibacy, the enforced proximity ripened into intimacy and drifted into love. Together they went afield in the wondrous dewy dawns and the warm summer afternoons found them making butter and cheese in the cool, white dairy house. The birds sang for them and for them the stars shone and the whole verdant valley teeming with richness and incense, gave up its odorous vapors.

Tessa's specter loomed but vaguely now, until love's honest declaration brought her to poignant realization of her situation in this man-made world. But all withdrawals were overcome by Clare's gentle insistence: all attempts at revelation were lightly thwarted. Finally, within a week of the wedding day which she had reluctantly set, her resolution took shape in writing—a four-page confession is breathlessly thrust under his door. Ironically concealed under the carpet it lies until Tessa, with a sudden late intuition on her wedding morn discovers its hiding place and tears it up. In a lumbering old relic of each day (symbolic of an ancient D'Urberville legend of crime) Tessa and Angel are carried to church, and upon their final departure a white cock crows thrice. "An afternoon crow," and the dairy folk shake their heads at the evil omen.

To the old farmhouse—a derelict of an ancient D'Urberville mansion—in ready range of a model mill, Clare, with a sense of the practical and the romantic, takes his lovely bride. From the paneled wall outside her door, two old D'Urberville portraits glare evilly and Clare and Tessa shiver as they trace a subtle likeness to her own in the malignant yet noble features. Before the glowing fire the adoring bridegroom, his wife's hand clasped in his, tells the story of his own aberration, of his 48 hours' despatch with a Scarlet Woman, and confidently craves her pardon, which Tessa is only too delighted to grant; and, with the first real gleam of hope, unfolds her own sad story.

The wanton action of a man of maturity—the deceived innocence of an ignorant child! And yet, the man

cannot forgive the woman. All the rigid rule of his forbears, all the domination of an unjust social order grip him. Angel Clare, the prophet of emancipation, no longer exists. For several days they lead a formal, isolated existence. Tessa, whose sole wish is to please her idol, acquiesces in his attitude, and after a first wild outburst at the injustice, does nothing to exonerate herself, and his chance for reinstatement is blighted by the mocking witness of the vindictive portraits. No chaste-minded, unsophisticated peasant maid she, but the last dregs of a decadent stock! A separation, temporarily at least, is decided upon, and while Clare ranges after Tessa again creeps home. Joan, after the first bitter reproaches for the mad disobedience of her repeated injunctions of secrecy, treats the affair with her usual fatalistic lightheartedness; but the harsh words of the father in a drunken moment of excessive ancestral pride cause a dignified departure with the conciliatory donation of half her means of subsistence and the intimation that she is rejoicing her husband.

Determined, however, to make no appeal to Clare's family, Tessa easily finds summer employment among the farmers; but with the coming of winter and too lavish contributions to her family's support, privation stares her in the face. Day after day she wanders on until at length on the high, chalky tablelands, in a great drab field of desolation, she finds the meanest, most arduous of tasks rendered tenfold difficult by a churlish boor of an employer in all the rancor of an ancient grudge against her. In the stinging rain and the chilling snow she toils unceasingly, uncompensated, living wholly in the hope of her husband's return. Songs that he loved she practices; the sweet, gay notes contrasting sadly with her tragic lips and great, sorrowing eyes. At length, distraught by the continued silence, she bravely decides to seek news of him from his parents, and walks the long, tremulous miles to Kilmister vicarage. Of rare spiritual as well as physical endowments, she would have undoubtedly received a welcome at the hands of the benevolent old clergyman and his wife, but an empty house reverberates to her knocking, and while she unobtrusively awaits their return from church, she overhears a weary conversation between Angel's two exemplary brothers that sends her homeward with redden heart.

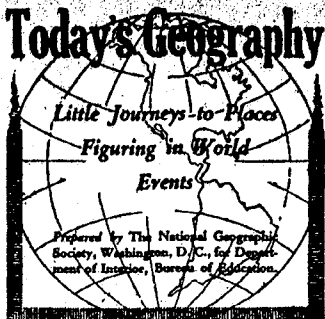
The voice of a "ranter" triumphantly consigning a barnful of rustics to eternal damnation caused Tessa to pause for a moment in a doorway, and there on a platform of corn bags, in sanctimonious side whisks and semi-circular black, stood Alec D'Urberville. Animalism had yielded to fanaticism, and the bold, roving eye now gleamed with a ferocious righteousness. As she passed down the lane he came after her, imploring forgiveness and offering redemption. Repulse after repulse failed to deter Alec, who persisted day by day, at first with a marriage license and holy words and then his former passion uncontrollably revived by Tessa's compelling beauty, his new-found religion dropped from him like a cloak, the convert disappeared and all the arts of man and devil were employed to ensnare the girl. And poor, hopeless Tessa, grinding on under a numbing strain, was in more danger than her scorn of the man could realize. Finally her father's death, resulting in the eviction of her family from their home, precipitated Tessa's doom, and as a last desperate preparation to her helplessness and sisters, she yields, with a fatalistic calm, to the inevitable.

To Sandborne, a gay watering place, a melancholy specter of a man, wasted by illness and regret, comes in search of his lost bride, and in a fashionable boarding house Clare finds Tessa and learns the agonizing truth. Just beyond the town she overtook him, her eyes wild and trance-like, her whole body as if bereft of soul and will. "I have killed him," he taunted me. . . . I loved it to you and I owed it to myself. . . . It came to me as a shining light that I should get you back that way."

With a final realization of the immensity of her love and the pitiless plight it had brought upon her, Clare held out tender, protecting arms, and together they wandered through the untrodden ways like two children—the world and its tribulation quite forgot. For five days they continued this idyllic state and on the sixth night Tessa half jestingly claimed sanctuary among the conspicuous ruins of the ancient pagan temple to the sun at Stonehenge. With the dawn came the guardians of the law, looming dark against the silver horizon. In a grim, inexorable circle they waited until the sun's level rays, relentlessly reminding of a hygienic sacrificial day, fell full upon another victim, and Tessa, deserted by the gods, awoke. Quietly she faced her captors. "I am ready," she said.

Eight metallic strokes shiver the morning air and from a nearby hill a stricken figure rivets involuntary eyes on the flagstaff of a sullen cage of a building. For Angel the prison where Tessa is confined has at this fatal hour a deadly and significant fascination. Slowly, silently, a black chair creeps up the pole and flutters chill against the morning sky.

Tessa, more skinned against stinging, has paid the great penalty. Copyright, 1919, by the Post Publishing Co. (The Boston Post). Copyright in the United Kingdom, the Dominions, its Colonies and dependencies, under the copyright act, by the Post Publishing Co., Boston, Mass., U. S. A. All rights reserved. Printed by permission of, and arrangement with Harper & Sons, authorized publishers.



TRIESTE: A PLUM OF THE ADRIATIC DISPUTE

Trieste is one of the major Adriatic plums in dispute between Italy and the newly-formed Jugoslav state, the kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.

Though Trieste was Austrian, except for a brief interval from the fourteenth century until the World War dissipated the Austrian empire, the city has had a marked effect upon Italian history. Its chief importance to Austria was commercial, for it was the dual monarchy's only great seaport.

Tired of a double allegiance to Venice and to Aquileia, Trieste requested that she be annexed to Austria in 1802. Leopold the pious was a rival to King James of England in being "the wisest fool in all Christendom." Though he expanded his territory elsewhere, the only acquisition of consequence was that of Trieste, won through no effort on his part. Thus Austria gained what was destined to become not only a seaport of importance, but also a channel for exerting frequent influence upon the affairs of Italian towns and their rulers. The city is situated on the Gulf of Trieste, 367 miles southwest of Vienna by rail. It lies on the seaward slope of the Karst, or Carso, a strip of limestone hills extending inland from 60 to 90 miles, furrowed with ravines and pierced by caverns, into which many small streams disappear.

Not far from Trieste, at Brisak, is the Grotto Gigantea, a stalactite cave, where tourists throng to see the "Great Dome," spreading over a subterranean cavity nearly as long as the United States capital and a hundred feet higher than the capital dome. Despite its inclusion in Austrian territory, Trieste's population and architecture are Italian. It was the Terzite of Roman history, and today the walls and pillars of a Roman temple may be seen crossed in the cathedral of San Giusto, a highly composite structure which also has built into it three adjacent structures of the sixteenth century—a Christian basilica, a baptistry and a Byzantine church. Traces of Trieste's early history were to be found before the war in the Museo Lapidario, which contains many Roman antiquities from the vicinity.

SAN SALVADOR: DEFIER OF EARTHQUAKES

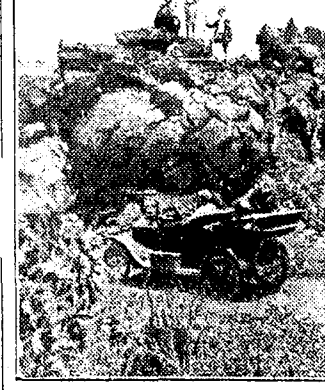
San Salvador, scene of recent earthquake shocks, is the capital of the smallest and most populous of Central American republics. The city is no stranger to the twin terrors of earthquake and volcano.

Within ten seconds an earthquake all but destroyed it in 1854, another laid it low in 1873, and that of 1917, when millions of dollars' worth of property was destroyed, is still remembered.

In spite of these fateful blows from nature, and devastating waves of man-made revolutions, San Salvador today is reckoned among the important cities of the mid-continents. It has a population of 60,000; its manufactured products include soap, cigars, candles, cotton cloth and spirits; and its compulsory education laws, university, theaters and scientific institutions attest its regard for culture.

Zateco, perhaps the most famous volcano of the San Salvador republic, belched forth from a fine old hacienda in 1770, and ever since has tirelessly thrown aloft its mighty volume of ashes and gases. With the regularity of a mammoth natural timepiece it is said not to have missed a rumbling, luminous explosion within any half-hour for a century and a half; hence its nickname, the "Lighthouse of Salvador."

Of San Miguel, occasionally active, one writer said, after seeing the eruption of 1848: "It is difficult to conceive a grander natural object than this volcano. Its base is shrouded in densest green, blending with the lighter hues of the grasses which succeed the forest. Above these the various



Where Lava Blocked a San Salvador Highway.

colors melt imperceptibly into each other. First comes the rich amber of the scorria, and then the silver tint of the newly-fallen ashes at the summit; and still above all, floating in heavy opalescent voids, or rising like a plume to heaven, is the smoke, which rolls up eternally from its incandescent depths."

There is a lake in the republic, Ilopango, supposed to lie in the bed of an old volcanic crater. Out of this lake a volcanic island arose to a height of 150 odd feet 30 years ago.

Though in no single instance, perhaps, was a great city buried, the constant exhalations of Salvador volcanoes and infolding processes of its earthquakes gradually submerged remains of a pre-Columbian civilization. These traces just now are beginning to reveal to patient students fascinating facts about this ancient "New World."

Rhodesia: The Land of Men, Wild Beasts and Natural Beauty

Africa, not so long ago regarded for the most part, as a "sepulcher of the world's most daring explorers," now engages the attention of the world because of its vast natural resources and its industrial possibilities.

Material furnished the National Geographic society by R. D. Parsons, is the basis for the following description of Rhodesia:

"Interior Rhodesia must be traversed by native carriers over mountains, through primeval forest, across rivers, through almost impenetrable jungle and underbrush, in peril from elephants, lions, leopards, hyenas, serpents, the tsetse fly, wild men as well as wild beasts. Each carrier has a mail bag of 50 pounds. On an average carriers make 25 miles a day, and even on runs of 6,000 miles, from Broken Hill to Abercorn, they are seldom more than an hour behind schedule time and generally only half that. They make better time in the wet season than in the dry as, in the wet, they travel in bare feet, while in the dry the earth is baked, the ground is hot like 'The Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes,' and they are compelled to wear sandals."

"There is one great drawback to the wet; no material has yet been produced that can resist African rain. It laughs at the average rubberized fabrics. One of the few partly successful materials is a peculiarly woven canvas made in England, and even when mail bags of this material are opened, the contents are simply pulp, valueless, and frequently undecipherable. Glazed paper suffers most; why, I do not know. I suppose it is the combination of heat and water."

"The plunge of Victoria Falls on the Zambezi is three times that of our Niagara; the roar is heard for 19 miles, and the column of vapor is miles high. In the dialect of Mashonaland and Matabeleland, its name means 'the water that smokes.'"

"From Kusempa to Livingstone (Victoria Falls) is 580 miles, from Livingstone to Bulawayo 290, and from Bulawayo to Cape Town 2,200 miles. The fauna of Rhodesia is wonderful; think of 17 kinds of antelope!"

"Although the tsetse fly is an abominable pest, it takes second place as a destroyer of property value to our American pest, the boll weevil. A singular peculiarity of the first named consists in its habit of biting human beings, horses and oxen on the feet. When animals are shipped from Cape Town to North Rhodesia, the shipping is done at night, because, unlike the mosquito, the tsetse fly works only in the daytime. It prefers to work on the legs, and in case of horses these are done up in paraffin and cloths. It should be understood that this foe to man and beast is confined to certain districts."

HOW ARMAGEDDON PROFITED PERSIA

That exceedingly ill wind, the World War, blew much good to one nation, Persia, for the higher price of silver doubled her capital, made her raw materials sought after by the world, and removed her from comparative isolation to a place among commercial nations of high importance. Writing to the National Geographic society concerning this rejuvenated ancient land, Ella C. Sykes says:

"Persia is one of the oldest empires in existence. It has been a kingdom for 25 centuries—ever since Cyrus the Great, about 550 B. C., conquered Media and united the country to his under the name of Persia. It has had many glorious episodes in its long history; has produced the great teacher Zoroaster; such world-famous poets as Ferdowsi, Omar Khayyam, Saadi and Hafiz, and such great soldiers and rulers as Darius I, Shapur I and Shah Abbas."

"Again and again the empire has been a prey to anarchy; again and again conquering hosts have swept through the country. Alexander the Great having many a successor, the most destructive conqueror being Genghis Khan with his hordes of savage Mongols—a leader who boasted that he had slain thirteen millions of his fellow creatures."

for service, to summon the Levites to come and sing, and to apprise persons generally that the unclean might be brought to the gate named Nicanor. These bells, so says the Mishna, when sounded at their fullest power, could be heard at least eighteen miles from Jerusalem.

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"The center of the country is a great plateau, rising from 2,000 to 6,000 feet, and crossed by frequent chains of mountains, while a lofty mountain barrier bounds it on the north and south."

"In the whole Persian empire there were in 1910 only six miles of railway, and only four roads, their total length amounting to fewer than 800 miles. There is only one navigable river, the Karun, that flows into the head of the Persian Gulf, and on this sea the so-called ports are merely open roadsteads, at which cargo cannot be landed in stormy weather."

"The merchandise of Persia is practically carried on the backs of camels, mules and donkeys, a slow and expensive mode of transport."

"The Persian is of Aryan stock, and has the same words as ourselves for father, mother, brother and daughter (pitar, mader, bradar, and dukhtar), and the construction of his language is like that of English."

"Many Persians have no home life in the usual sense of the word. A Persian house is divided into the bazaar, or men's apartments, and the anteroom, or part consecrated to the women. A strong door, set in a high blank wall, gives entrance to a narrow passage that leads into a square courtyard on which open several rooms. Here the men live, and here they usually entertain their friends, while their women dwell in rooms set round an inner courtyard, the only entrance to which is through the bazaar."

"As a Persian is instructed from earliest youth that a woman's advice is of no account—in fact the priests tell him that he had better do the exact opposite of what a woman counsels—it can be understood that as a rule he has no exalted opinion of his wife or wives, and seldom turns to them for companionship."

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA: BORN ABOARD FREIGHT TRAINS

Amid the disorders of Central Europe one new nation affords a conspicuous exception to the chaos, strife and revolutions prevalent on all sides of her. That nation is Czecho-Slovakia.

The inception of this new nationality from a racial unit of ancient and distinguished lineage is a modern romance comparable to the crusades of the middle ages.

Early in 1918 the intrepid Czech warriors started out from the Kiev district of western Russia in railway cars, some of which were decorated with the slogan, "From War to War Around the World."

At that time it looked as though the summer of 1918 would find them in Champagne or the Argonne, joined with the thousands of their compatriots who were already fighting in the allied armies to down the Hun. But a strange combination of circumstances delayed them in Siberia through the short summer of long days and the long winter of little sunshine.

A communication follows from Maynard Owen Williams, first American correspondent with the spectacular analysis of the Czecho-Slovaks across Siberia:

"Xenophon had a fine trip, if one is to judge from the accounts of his favorite press agent, and Napoleon and Sherman have made famous excursions, but when it comes to the world encircling vision of the tourist bureau writer, and the doggedness of death, the wonderful Czechs take the palm."

"The war found them about as enthusiastic in their friendship for William Holczeltzner as they were for the Hapsburg house that betrayed them centuries ago, after they magnanimously joined the Austrians in the repulse of the hordes from Asia that then threatened Europe."

"Their going over to the enemy was one of the reasons why Germany's southern neighbor failed to pick up rapidly until the heavy traffic that resulted from the mobilization of Europe."

"Whole regiments of them went over to the foe. Other thousands were shot down by their Austrian companions in arms, and all their organizations were heavily officered by the Germans or Hungarians, whose methods and aims they hated. Thousands of them escaped to Russia, where they were sent to the cold of Siberia or the malaria of the Tashkent region as prisoners of war."

"Many of them entered the Russian army under Kerensky, but with the signing of the Brest-Litovsk treaty, they lost faith in their Russian companions in arms and with a spirit of loyalty to the cause of freedom that no other group surpassed, they set out from Russia to cross Siberia, the Pacific, America, the Atlantic and France, to hurl themselves once more against their oppressors and traditional foes."

"When I met them their 73 trains were strung out from the Ukraine to Lake Balka, all moving toward the port of Vladivostok."

"The Bolsheviks walked into the trap which they had themselves prepared, for had they lived up to their promises, the Czechs would have all been in Vladivostok by July. When the Reds attempted to disarm the Czecho-Slovak expedition, the Bolsheviks refused to be as meek as the anti-Bolsheviks usually were then, and the result was a continued saved for democracy while the world was hunting through its atlas to find out who these fighting men with the strange name really were, and what they were doing so far from home."

the camera is prohibited, has been devised by Jervis Smith, an Englishman. He coats a cardboard with luminous paint, exposes it to sunlight or electric arc light, and then places it at the back of the engraving, while the photographic plate is placed on the face of the engraving. The book is closed, and after one hour, depending largely on the thickness of the paper, a satisfactory negative is produced. The book is inclosed in a black cloth during the manipulation, from which the book takes no harm.

The AMERICAN LEGION

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AMONG MISSING SERVICE MEN

Additional Requests for Information Are Made by Relatives and Friends of Soldiers.

It was when the First division was leading in the allied counter-attack of July 18, 1918, that Urban Bergeron, a private, Company E, Twenty-sixth Infantry, was slightly wounded. He was evacuated to a field hospital and his relatives learned he was doing well. Since that time, however, they have heard nothing. Anyone with information should address R. T. Hill, Menasha, Wis.

Other cases of missing men that readers may be able to clear up are:

MAURICE L. LEASURE, M. G. Co., 101st Inf., reported mortally wounded near Verdun, October 18, 1918. Address Frank Leasure, 101 Sheridan avenue, Mansfield, O.

OSCAR W. OLSON, Pvt., Co. G, 59th Inf., reported wounded on morning of November 11 in Argonne Forest. Address his brother, C. F. Olson, Princeton, Neb.

HARLAND G. PFANTZ, Pvt., Co. D, 202nd Inf., reported missing in action Oct. 26, 1918. Address the adjutant of Harland G. Pfantz post, American Legion, State Center, Ia.

ALFRED C. FITCH, Pvt., Co. A, 139th Inf., reported severely wounded, Sept. 29, 1918; later reported dead; cause and date of death still undetermined. Address Mrs. Jesse Higley, 510 East Second street, Coffeyville, Kan.

LEON BURR, Pvt., 34th Inf., reported killed October, 1918; later reported alive by comrades. His mother, Mrs. Ella Burr, 108 Oakwood avenue, Syracuse, N. Y., wants news.

ELMER E. CHARLSON, Pvt., Co. G, 32nd Inf., reported gassed Sept. 29, 1918. Later notice said he was killed in action October 18, 1918. Address Mrs. Elmer E. Charlson, Ada, Minn.

ERNEST C. LINDOP, Co. G, 34th Inf., reported killed. When and where never reported. His cousin, Miss Peter Hansen, 222 N. 1st St., Tacoma, Wash., desires particulars.

JOHN ROBERT GALLIGAN, U. S. S. Finland, reported lost overboard from his ship, February 3, 1919. His father, John B. Galligan, R. F. D. 1, Homer (City, Pa.) desires to hear from his son's shipmates.

LUTHER B. MORGAN, 55th Nurses Unit, was last heard from on her way to France in August, 1918. E. B. Bauman, L. B. 364, Flemingsburg, Ky., desires information as to her fate.

FRANK ORRIS PIERCE, Sgt., M. G. Co., 130th Inf., last heard from Sept. 1918. Was wounded near Cheppy, Sept. 28, taken to first aid station near there and all trace of him then lost. Mrs. W. J. Pierce, R. 2, Bronson, Kan., desires information.

SVANTINE H. E. OLSEN, Pvt., Co. B, 32nd Inf., reported missing in action Sept. 29, 1918. Known to be in hospital in March, 1919. His last letter was dated June, 1918. Address Mrs. Sophie Olsen, Box 37, Elk, Mendocino Co., Calif.

EDGAR H. ENGLISH, M. G. Replacement, 6th Marines, reported killed in action November 1, 1918; later reported seen unwounded November 10, 1918. Address his sister, Mrs. Frederick Ryan, 174 Church St., Newark, N. J.

JOHN B. MURPHY, Co. I, 101st Inf., admitted to base hospital No. 6, November 3, 1918. Returned to duty, December 7, 1918. Nothing further heard from him. Send information to Leo A. Spillane, state house, Boston, Mass., care American Legion.

LEGION AND G. A. R. MEMBERS

Two Old-Timers Who Attended the Recent National Convention at Cleveland, Ohio.



William R. Ketcham, at right, and Wesley Thompson, at left, are two American Legion members who also claim allegiance to the Grand Army of the Republic. Both attended the national convention of the Legion in Cleveland, after coming from the G. A. R. national encampment in Indianapolis.

DUES FOR 1921 ONE DOLLAR

New Members Pay \$1.25, Which Includes National Assessment for the Coming Year.

National dues of the American Legion for the year 1921 have been fixed at \$1 per capita, according to a recent announcement of national headquarters of the Legion.

The dues for bona-fide new members joining the Legion prior to December 31 will be \$1.25, which will pay the national assessment of such members until December 31, 1921.

Robert F. Tyndall, national treasurer, has announced that the national dues shall be due and payable to the national treasurer on January 1, 1921, and that all members whose dues have not been paid on or before February 28, 1921, shall be considered delinquent.

Most of Us Did.

One of the girls had spoken of a friend who shed tears each time her birthday came around, in view of her advancing age. All the other guests had been but mildly interested save the lawyer, who removed his glasses and remarked quizzically:

"That's odd. I believe there was one birthday in my life when I cried."

"And that was—" assisted the pretty girl.

"My first."—American Legion Weekly.

THE FIVE VICE COMMANDERS

New Legion Officers Are Particularly Well Fitted for the Places They Hold.

The national constitution of the American Legion calls for the election of five vice commanders, no two from the same state and not more than three from among the men who served in the army. The men chosen by the recent Legion convention not only fill the above requirements but are particularly fitted by their records for the places they hold.

John G. Emery is a native of Grand Rapids, Mich., being born and reared in that city. He is a real estate man. He entered the second officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and was commissioned captain of infantry. He went overseas shortly thereafter and served with the Eighteenth Infantry of the First division. As a major, commanding a battalion, he was severely wounded by shell fire. Mr. Emery was prominent in Legion circles in his home state from the early days and was one of the Legion committee that drew up the bill, passed later by the house, that would give a bonus to all service men.



THOMAS GOLDINGAY, One of the Legion Vice Commanders Was Mate on First Steel Ship Ever Built in the United States.

Thomas Goldingay began his career as a sailor before the mast. Later he was mate of the first steel ship ever built in the United States. After giving up the sea he wandered through the United States and finally located in Newark, N. J. In 1894 he was one of the men who organized the naval reserve of New Jersey and became commanding officer of the Newark division, with the rank of lieutenant. He saw service in Cuban waters in 1898. In 1902 he entered business in Newark. During the World War he had the grade of lieutenant, senior grade, and served as gunnery officer on the U. S. S. Massachusetts. He has been state adjutant of the American Legion of New Jersey.

Claudius G. Pendill was born in Marquette, Mich. He was graduated from Michigan university in 1913. He is engaged in business in Racine, Wis. He enlisted May 8, 1917, as an apprentice seaman in the United States navy and received a commission as ensign May 1, 1918. He was assigned to the U. S. S. Oklahoma as signal officer and served in foreign waters from the summer of 1918 to December of that year. He was elected commander of Kenosha (Wis.) post in January, 1920.

James G. Scruggs was born in Lexington, Ky. He was graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1900, and received a degree of mechanical engineer in 1906. Since 1914 he has been dean of the engineering college of the University of Nevada. In 1917 he was made state engineer of Nevada. He was commissioned a major of artillery in December, 1917, and assigned as production engineer in the ordnance department at Washington. He served as commander of the Nevada department from May, 1919, until August, 1920, and has been a member of the national executive committee. His home is in Reno.

E. J. Winslet is a native of Dadeville, Ala. He prefaced his service in the Legion by taking part in five major operations with American, French and British troops. He was wounded in action, and was attached to the general staff. He attended the first caucus of the Legion in Paris, and on his return to Alabama organized five posts. His activity in his own state was recognized at the Cleveland convention by the support of all sections of the South in his candidacy for vice commander.

But He's on His Way.

Uncle Tom arrived at the station with the goat he was to ship north, but the freight agent was having difficulty in billing him.

"What's this goat's destination, uncle?" he asked.

"Suh?"

"I say, what's his destination? Where's he going?"

Uncle Tom searched carefully for the tag. A bit of frayed cord was all that remained.

"Dat ornery goat!" he exploded wrathfully. "You know, suh, dat ignorant goat done completely et his destination."—American Legion Weekly.

Lay Off!

(From a current short story.)

"—the young man—slept into the restaurant, ordered three eggs and fell to melancholy brooding."—American Legion Weekly.

Things Mend.

Every line of history inspires a confidence that we shall not go far wrong; that things mend. That is the moral of all we learn, that it warrants hope, the prolific mother of reforms. Our part is plainly not to throw ourselves across the track, to block improvement and sit till we are stone, but to watch the uprise of successive mornings and to comply with the new works of new days.—Emerson.

Why Dance Party Is "Bail."

GREAT SACRIFICE SALE!

For 10 Days Only

Commencing Wednesday A. M. Dec. 8th. and closes
Saturday Night, Dec. 18

The Entire Stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes,
Rubbers and Furnishing Goods must be turned into
Cash. This is your opportunity to save money as
we are sacrificing the entire stock regardless of cost.

Men's Dress Suits, \$35.00 value for.....	\$25.50	Men's 4 Buckle Overshoes, \$5.00 value.....	\$3.75
Men's Dress Suits, \$40.00 value for.....	\$28.00	One Lot 1 Buckle Overshoes.....	\$1.25
Men's Dress Suits, \$45.00 value for.....	\$32.50	One Lot Ladies' Rubbers.....	\$.50
Men's Work Pants, \$3.00 value for.....	\$2.25	Ladies' Cashmere Hose, 50c value for.....	\$.39
Men's Cashmere Sox, 75c value for.....	\$.39	Blankets, \$3.25 value for.....	\$2.20
Men's Sweaters, \$8.00 value for.....	\$6.75	Blankets, \$3.75 value for.....	\$2.70
Men's Sweaters, \$7.50 value for.....	\$6.25	Blankets, \$4.00 value for.....	\$2.98
Men's Sweaters, \$5.50 value for.....	\$4.25	Comforters, \$4.00 value for.....	\$2.75
Men's Sweaters, \$3.50 value for.....	\$2.00	75c Curtain Goods for.....	\$.35
Men's Sweaters, \$2.00 value for.....	\$1.25	36 inch Comforter Cloth, 50c value for.....	\$.35
Men's Flannel Shirts, \$4.50 value for.....	\$3.25	Cretones, assorted Patterns.....	\$.25
Men's Flannel Shirts, \$3.50 value for.....	\$2.50	36 inch Percales.....	\$.23
Men's Flannel Shirts, \$3.00 value for.....	\$2.00	Apron Gingham.....	\$.20
Men's Black Sateen Shirts, \$2.50 value for.....	\$1.25	Dress Gingham, 50c value for.....	\$.25
Men's Blue Chambray Shirts, \$1.50 value for.....	\$.95	One Lot Outing Flannel.....	\$.15
Men's Wool Sox, \$.75 value for.....	\$.47	Outing Flannel for.....	\$.28
Men's Wool Sox, \$1.25 value for.....	\$.90	White Outing Flannel, 50c Grade.....	\$.35
Men's High Rock Fleece Union Suits, \$3.00 value for.....	\$1.79	White Outing Flannel, 40c value for.....	\$.25
Men's Ribbed Union Suit, \$2.50 value for.....	\$1.49	White Outing Flannel, 35c value for.....	\$.19
Men's Jumpers, \$8.00 value for.....	\$5.98	36 inch Unbleached Cotton.....	\$.18
Men's Canvas Gloves.....	\$.10	36 inch Unbleached Cotton.....	\$.25
Men's Lined Leather Mittens for.....	\$.60	Sheeting.....	\$.69
Men's Unlined Leather Mittens, \$1.00 value for.....	\$.89	All Wool Serge, \$2.00 value.....	\$1.00
One Lot Men's Fleece Undershirts.....	\$.39	All Wool Sacking Cloth, \$1.00 value.....	\$.65
Boy's Fleece Union Suits.....	\$1.39	All Wool Dress Goods, Assorted Patterns.....	\$.47
		Dress Aprons, \$2.75 value for.....	\$1.85

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COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES.

Mr. M. Brenner has been appointed
County truant officer. Mr. Brenner
thoroughly believes in education and
is a worthy man for the place.

A box of Christmas toys consisting
of dolls, books, games, balls, tops,
tablets and chairs, dishes, boats and
numerous other things has been sent
by the rural children of Crawford
County to the Armenian children.
Plans are already underway for a
larger box of toys to be sent next
year.

The following rural schools are at
present enrolled as Junior Red Cross
auxiliaries.

Funck School—Ella Funck, teacher.
Deward School—Florence Schrei-
ber, teacher.

Lincoln School, Regina Besnam,
teacher.

William School—Alice Scott, teach-
er.

Stackert School, Etta Nowlin,
teacher.

Sigsbee School—Edythe Shreves,
teacher.

Ex-Commissioner, R. D. Bailey of
Gaylord is now teaching in this coun-
ty. Mr. Bailey will be of great value
to the educational interests of this
county.

Comm'r M. E. Hoyt has completed
the first visits to all the schools of
the county and is now starting on
the second one. There are twenty-
two teachers under this supervision.

MRS. BULLOCK RECOMMENDS
CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH
REMEDY.

"Last winter when my children
were sick with colds and were cough-
ing a good deal I gave them Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs.
C. M. Bullock, Gorham, N. Y. "It
relieved them at once and under this
treatment all symptoms of the cold
gradually disappeared. My experi-
ence with this medicine warrants my
recommending it to others."—Adv.

HOW TO BE HEALTHY.

If you would enjoy good health
keep your bowels regular and your
stomach and liver in good working
order. This is easily done by tak-
ing Chamberlain's Tablets. These
tablets strengthen the stomach and
regulate the liver and bowels. They
are easy to take and mild and gentle
in effect. They only cost a quarter.
Adv.

PUBLIC HAS TO PAY WOOD BILL

SCARCITY OF TIMBER IS GOING
TO COST SOMEBODY MUCH,
SAYS EXPERT.

Timber, Formerly Regarded as Use-
less, Now Almost Priceless
—Shortage Increases.

(From Traverse City Record-Eagle.)

"Within the next 100 years Mich-
igan will pay more than \$5,000,000
to freight its timber, and will pay
another \$500,000,000 to resurrect its
woods," Prof. Filbert Roth, head of
the forestry department at Universi-
ty of Michigan, prophesied to high
school students Tuesday afternoon.

"I didn't come up here to speak,"
Prof. Roth prefaced. "I came up
here to save some trees. Some peo-
ple thought that pine trees ought to
be cut down, but I thought they
ought to be standing. Wood is wood,
but some people don't believe it.
I've been to Congress several times
to convince some congressmen that
wood is wood, but a lot of them don't
believe it yet."

Prof. Roth discussed the relative
use and price of timber years ago
and today, bringing to light the
somewhat surprising fact that de-
spite the place of concrete and steel
in building "we are using more wood
per head year by year." Twenty
years ago, the speaker told, an editor
of a lumber journal informed him
that lumber papers did not carry
price lists on beech wood, because
no dealer would admit handling that
sort of timber. However a few
months ago a lumber dealer at Cad-
illac remarked casually to Prof. Roth
that he had recently sold beech at
\$120 per thousand. The students
were reminded that there are now only
two pine groves of any extent in
Michigan—one the state park at In-
terlochen and the other near Gray-
ling.

"Every time we have a fire year,
as 1919 or 1908," Prof. continued.
"We burn up more young trees than
the state will be willing to pay for
planting in 25 years. Some of you
will see the day when the use of tim-
ber in building will be considered a
luxury. Why, only last week a lum-
ber merchant in Detroit told me
that in that city hardwood finish is
even now considered a luxury, to be
used sparingly in two or three rooms
of the ordinary sized house. And
don't forget that the United States
congress or any other imaginary power
will not pay the bill. It will come
directly to you!"

"When Henry Ford wants to build
twice as many flivvers he just dou-
bles up on his factory, but when you
plant an acorn, you have to wait a
century for a tree."

NEXT SUNDAY.

Regardless of weather, the Mich-
elson Memorial Church will hold its
services next Sunday. Weather is
always present and the church is
probably permanent, but people are
soon gone. What of the future
when no preparation is made? The
church is in the world to help pre-
pare lives for this world and the next.
People who never attend church say,
"No church for us." That means a
churchless community. People who
go now and then say, "The church is
a convenience." That means that the
church is a nice thing to have around
but not necessary. People who go
regularly and work in its ministry
of service say, "The church is neces-
sary;" that means the truth.

The brick church is one of the fin-

est churches to be found in any com-
munity of this size. It should be
filled to the doors each Sunday.
What do you say? Next Sunday is
the best time to begin the church
going habit. The morning service at
ten-thirty. Sunday school meets at
eleven forty-five and the evening ser-
vice at seven. The music last Sun-
day was of a very high order with a
male quartet morning and evening to
give fine variety. Do not find fault
with Grayling unless everything pos-
sible is done to bring the Christ of
the church to the community.

GO NO FARTHER.

The Evidence is at Your Door.

Grayling proof is what you want
and the statement of this highly re-
spected resident will banish all doubt:

F. D. Griffin, prop. blacksmith shop,
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was in poor shape with kidney trou-
ble. At that time I was working in
the saw mill and heavy lifting put
my kidneys out of order. Mornings
I was troubled with backache and my
back felt tired out, weak and very
lame. Sharp, stinging pains darted
through my back and when I went to
pick up a board and started to
straighten up an awful shock went
through me. I had to drop the board
and was carried to my home
by a friend. I was laid up for two
weeks. Often when I raised up
things looked smoky before me and
those back spasms made me dizzy
and often brought on headaches.
My kidneys were in a poor condition
and I would have to get up two or
three times every night. The secre-
tions burned in passage and were
badly colored. I had heard a great
deal about Doan's Kidney Pills and I
decided to try them. I purchased a
few boxes and they fixed me up in
great shape."

60c, at all dealers. Foster-Milburn
Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y. Adv.

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Fairbotham, Sr., Grayling, Mich.
11-18-8.

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cannot reach the seat of the disease.
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the blood on the mucous surfaces of the
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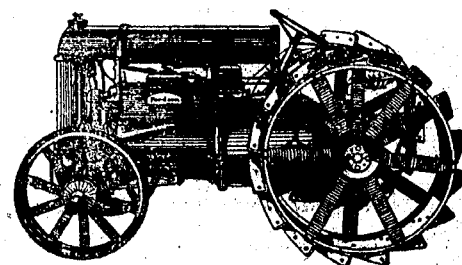
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